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PASS: ATTENTION FBIHQ, NSD, NS-3D, UNIT CHIEF [redacted]

ATTENTION LOS ANGELES, SANTA ANA RA.

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SUBJECT: UNSUBS (4); GENERAL VANG PAO-VICTIM; [redacted]

VICTIM; [redacted]-VICTIM; [redacted]-VICTIM;

[redacted]-VICTIM; [redacted]-VICTIM; AOT-IT-LAOTIAN -

ASSASSINATION.

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RE MILWAUKEE TELCAL OF RELIEF SUPERVISOR SA [redacted]

[redacted] TO UNIT CHIEF [redacted] ON 12/8/95.

~~ON 12/8/95,~~ [redacted] ~~MALE, DOB~~ [redacted] WHO

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ON 12/8/95, [redacted] MALE, DOB [redacted] WHO RESIDES AT [redacted] WISCONSIN, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: b6 b7C

[redacted] THE HMONG HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL. THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL IS TO WORK THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND CONGRESS TO ASSURE HUMAN RIGHTS OF HMONGS STILL RESIDING IN LAOS. [redacted] POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE MANY HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF THE HMONG AND HIS ORGANIZATION IS TRYING TO RECTIFY BY PUTTING PRESSURE THROUGH THESE ORGANIZATIONS ON THE COMMUNIST REGIME OPERATING WITHIN LAOS. b6 b7C

ON 11/15/95, AT 10:00 P.M., [redacted] WHO ALSO RESIDES IN [redacted] WISCONSIN AND WHO WAS [redacted] RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM [redacted] WHO RESIDES IN LAOS, HOWEVER, WHO MADE THE PHONE CALL FROM [redacted] INDICATED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY A HIGH RANKING LAOTIAN OFFICIAL WHO IS ALSO HMONG THAT THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT HAD OR WOULD BE SENDING FOUR ASSASSINS INTO THE UNITED STATES TO KILL THE CAPTIONED VICTIMS. ACCORDING TO THE CALLER, TWO OF THE ASSASSINS WOULD b6 b7C

HAVE LAST NAMES OF [redacted] ONE A LAST NAME OF [redacted] AND THE FOURTH A LAST NAME OF [redacted] THE OTHERS LISTED, INCLUDING GENERAL VANG PAO, HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THEIR ATTEMPTS TO OVERTHROW THE CURRENT COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT IN LAOS IN EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO [redacted] THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER ATTEMPTS OF ASSASSINATION BY THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT OF HMONG IN THIS COUNTRY, HOWEVER, THEY HAVE BEEN STOPPED BEFORE ANY COULD OCCUR.

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ON 11/19/95, [redacted] RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS [redacted] WISCONSIN, WHO WANTED TO MEET WITH [redacted] AND DID MEET WITH HIM LATER THAT MORNING. [redacted] CLAIMED THAT HE NEEDED INFORMATION FROM [redacted] CONCERNING THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL SO THAT HE COULD USE THIS TO HELP CLARIFY HIS IMMIGRATION STATUS. [redacted] ADVISED THAT HE WOULD BE MORE THAN WILLING TO HELP [redacted] CORRECT HIS IMMIGRATION STATUS AND REQUESTED THAT [redacted] PROVIDE HIM WITH HIS PASSPORT AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION, HOWEVER, [redacted] REFUSED TO PROVIDE ANY SUCH DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION. [redacted] WAS MORE INTERESTED IN ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT [redacted] AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL THAN TO PROVIDE INFORMATION WHICH MAY HELP HIM

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CLARIFY HIS IMMIGRATION STATUS.

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DURING CONVERSATIONS WITH [redacted] CLAIMED THAT HE HAD BEEN APPOINTED BY THE LAOTIAN COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT TO REPRESENT THE HMONG [redacted] ALSO CLAIMED THAT HE WAS PART OF A GROUP THAT WAS ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN LAOS AND THAT A CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF HIS HAD RECENTLY BEEN ASSASSINATED AND THAT [redacted] KNEW THAT HE WAS NEXT AND THEREFORE FLED THE COUNTRY AND DID NOT DESIRE TO RETURN.

[redacted] INFORMED [redacted] THE HMONG HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL. [redacted] THEN WANTED THE NAME, DESCRIPTION, EDUCATION AND ALL BACKGROUND CONCERNING THE CURRENT PRESIDENT. [redacted] WAS SOMEWHAT RELUCTANT TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION.

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[redacted] ADVISED THAT HE NEXT RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM [redacted] CALLING [redacted] BY HIS BIRTH NAME, WHICH [redacted] CLAIMS HE HAS NEVER USED IN THIS COUNTRY. [redacted] WANTED TO MEET WITH [redacted] HOWEVER, [redacted] REFUSED, SAYING THAT HE COULD OBTAIN ALL INFORMATION NECESSARY TO HELP [redacted] OVER THE TELEPHONE. AGAIN, DURING THIS CONVERSATION, IT WAS

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OBVIOUS THAT [redacted] WAS MORE INTERESTED IN ASKING QUESTIONS THAN PROVIDING INFORMATION THAT MIGHT HELP HIM CLARIFY HIS IMMIGRATION STATUS. [redacted] WAS ABLE TO DETERMINE FROM [redacted] THAT HE HAD A DATE OF BIRTH OF [redacted] HOWEVER, [redacted] IS NOT CERTAIN THAT THIS IS A CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH. [redacted] ALSO PROVIDED AN ADDRESS OF [redacted] WISCONSIN, TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

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[redacted] CONTACTED MEMBERS OF THE HMONG COMMUNITY IN MILWAUKEE AND DETERMINED THAT [redacted] APPARENTLY HAD TOLD MEMBERS OF THE HMONG COMMUNITY THAT HE HAD SPENT [redacted] ACCORDING TO [redacted] THIS WOULD NOT MAKE [redacted] A SUPPORTER OF THE HMONG AND HE MAY VERY WELL BE ONE OF THE ASSASSINS SENT BY THE LAOTIAN COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT TO THIS COUNTRY.

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ACCORDING TO [redacted] GENERAL VANG PAO AND [redacted] RESIDE IN SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA. [redacted] AND [redacted] ALSO RESIDE IN SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA. [redacted] RESIDES IN [redacted] TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] THIS WAS THE ONLY TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS THAT [redacted] HAD.

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MILWAUKEE IS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL

BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONCERNING [redacted]

[redacted] STATED THAT HE HAS NO EVIDENCE TO BELIEVE THAT [redacted] IS ONE OF THE ASSASSINS, HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF [redacted] DEMEANOR, QUESTIONS AND UNUSUAL INTEREST IN BOTH [redacted] AND [redacted] THEY HAVE BECOME HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS OF HIM. IT WAS BECAUSE OF THIS RECENT SUSPICION THAT THEY FELT THEY SHOULD REFER THE MATTER NOT ONLY TO THE GREEN BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT BUT TO THE LOCAL FBI OFFICE. IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT THEY WAITED TO REPORT THIS MATTER. FURTHERMORE, [redacted] ADVISED THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN ANY TIME LINE FOR THE ENTRY OF THE ASSASSINS FROM LAOS INTO THIS COUNTRY NOR FOR THE ACTUAL ASSASSINATIONS.

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LEADS:

RECEIVING OFFICES ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE POSITIVE INFORMATION TO MILWAUKEE.

DENVER AT DENVER, COLORADO:

ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE [redacted] TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] AND ADVISE HIM OF THIS POTENTIAL THREAT. INTERVIEW CONCERNING ANY KNOWLEDGE WHICH MAY CONFIRM THIS REPORTING.

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LOS ANGELES AT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA:

ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE GENERAL VANG PAO [redacted] AND ADVISE THEM OF THIS POTENTIAL THREAT. INTERVIEW THEM CONCERNING ANY KNOWLEDGE THEY MAY HAVE WHICH WOULD CONFIRM THIS REPORTING.

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MILWAUKEE AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN:

WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY [redacted] WISCONSIN, TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

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GENERAL VANG PAO, ET AL
AOT-IT- LAOTIAN ASSINATION

Reference: _____
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Description: ☐ Original notes re interview of

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Addresses
Residence [redacted]

Business TEL [redacted]

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*Date and place of marriage (if applicable)

Race	Sex	Age	Height	Weight	Hair	Eyes
Asian	☒ Male ☐ Female					

Birth date	Birthplace
[redacted] (possible)	

Arrest Number	Fingerprint classification	Criminal specialty

Social Security Number	Drivers License Number
	☐ D/L Photo ☐ Other

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 12/20/1995

To: Milwaukee

From: SA [redacted]
Squad 5
Contact: Ext. [redacted]

FR 1/8/96

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] :ewl

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Title: UNSUBS (4); GENERAL VANG PAO-VICTIM; [redacted] VICTIM; [redacted] VICTIM; [redacted] VICTIM; [redacted] -VICTIM; [redacted] AOT-IT-LAOTIAN-ASSASSINATION

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Synopsis: Results of preliminary checks.

Administrative: Re Milwaukee teletype, dated 12/08/1995.

Details:

BACKGROUND

Referenced communication detailed information received by the Green Bay Resident Agency on 12/08/1995 from [redacted] a Hmong male and [redacted] resident, who stated that the Laotian Government had sent, or would be sending, four assassins to the U.S. to kill the captioned individuals. Information concerning this plot surfaced as a result of an international phone call on 11/15/1995 to [redacted] another [redacted] resident and the [redacted]

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On 11/19/1995, [redacted] received a telephonic inquiry from an individual identifying himself as [redacted] reportedly born on [redacted] and reportedly residing at [redacted] in Milwaukee. [redacted] announced that he had fled Laos upon learning that he had been targeted for assassination, and that he was now seeking assistance from the HHRC in clarifying his immigration status. In the conversation that ensued, it became clear to [redacted] that [redacted] seemed more preoccupied in obtaining

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information about [redacted] himself rather than in information that might help his situation. [redacted] later telephonically contacted [redacted] who also perceived [redacted] preoccupation not so much with information surrounding his visa status but moreso with particulars about [redacted] himself and the organization. [redacted] could not help but wonder if [redacted] was perhaps somehow connected with the assassination plot that had been brought to their attention. It is noted that information received about the plot identified two of the assassins as having the surname of [redacted]

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On 12/18/1995, [redacted] revealed the residence is [redacted] shared with the [redacted] Parked in the driveway for the [redacted] were two [redacted] bearing Wisconsin plates, [redacted] and [redacted] Subsequent check of Wisconsin DMV records disclosed the following:

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REGISTERED TO: [redacted]
DOB:
SEX: Male
ADDRESS: [redacted]
VEHICLE ID:

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TAG:
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DOB:
SEX: Male
ADDRESS: [redacted]
VEHICLE ID:

On 12/11/1995, and again on 12/20/1995, check of Wisconsin DMV records for a [redacted] with the address and DOB as reported by [redacted] disclosed only a single record for a [redacted] born [redacted] with address of [redacted] Wisconsin. [redacted] DL was issued in August, 1986, with expiration of September, 1990. The record further indicates that this individual moved out of state to [redacted] as of November, 1988.

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On 12/19/1995, check of the 1995-96 Ameritech White Pages for Greater Milwaukee failed to set forth a listing for a [redacted] It did, however, set forth a listing for a [redacted] at

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[redacted] Telephone [redacted] and a [redacted] [redacted] Telephone [redacted] The directory contained well over 100 listings for individuals with the last name of [redacted] b6 b7C

On 12/19/1995, a check of the 1995-96 Bresser's Cross Index Directory regarding the [redacted] address disclosed only the notation of "NP," indicative that either there was no phone at the residence, the phone was non-published, or that the premises was vacant at the time of the survey for the index. The directory further listed [redacted] at the [redacted] address, where she had been listed since 1993. Her telephone number, which is included as well in the Ameritech white pages, was set forth as [redacted] A check of the same Bresser's directory failed to contain any listing for the telephone number, [redacted] used by [redacted] in his contacts with the [redacted] residents. b6 b7C

On 12/20/1995, check with the local information operator for a possible new listing for a [redacted] at [redacted] [redacted] failed to reveal any such listing.

LEADS OUTSTANDING

On 12/19/1995, IA [redacted] was requested to contact Ameritech in the attempt to determine the current subscriber to number [redacted] IA [redacted] noted that she would submit the request via fax, per Ameritech's current requirements, but that recent experience has shown she is unable to predict any reasonable date for a response to the request. b6 b7C

On 12/19/1995, lead was sent to the Milwaukee IAs, requesting routine criminal checks, as well as a local INS check, on [redacted]

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CC: SRA [redacted] Green Bay RA
SA [redacted]
IA [redacted]

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REFERENCE MILWAUKEE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED 12/8/95,

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SAME CAPTION, AND NEW HAVEN TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED 12/19/95, CLASSIFIED "~~SECRET~~" NOT REGARDING SAME VICTIMS. b6 b7C

REFERENCED MILWAUKEE TELETYPE SET OUT LEADS FOR LOS ANGELES AT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE GENERAL VANG PAO, [redacted] AND [redacted] ADVISE THEM OF A POTENTIAL ASSASSINATION THREAT, AND TO INTERVIEW THEM CONCERNING ANY KNOWLEDGE THEY MAY HAVE CONFIRMING THESE REPORTS.

ON 1/2/96, PERSONAL CONTACT WAS MADE WITH GENERAL VANG PAO REGARDING THIS MATTER. HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS VAGUELY AWARE OF THE THREAT AND WAS TAKING NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS, INCLUDING WEARING A BULLETPROOF VEST. HE IS IN DAILY CONTACT WITH [redacted] AND STATED THAT HE WOULD RELAY THE WARNING TO HIM IMMEDIATELY. GENERAL VANG PAO APPEARED TO ALREADY BE AWARE OF THE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING THE LAST NAMES AND NUMBER OF POTENTIAL ASSASSINS. DESPITE THIS KNOWLEDGE, ON ARRIVING AT HIS HOUSE, IT WAS OBSERVED THAT NO SECURITY MEASURES APPEARED TO BE IN PLACE. THE GARAGE DOOR AND ITS INNER DOOR INTO THE HOUSE WERE OPEN, MAKING THE WHOLE HOUSE EASILY ACCESSIBLE. THE GENERAL WAS SLEEPING UPSTAIRS AT THE TIME, WAS NOT WEARING A VEST, AND HAD NO BODYGUARDS

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PRESENT. THE ONLY OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT WERE HIS WIFE, TWO OTHER ADULT HMONG FEMALES, TWO CHILDREN, AND HIS YOUNGER TEENAGE SON. GENERAL VANG PAO COULD GIVE NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION THREAT, EXCEPT TO STATE THAT HE WAS CONSTANTLY UNDER THREAT FROM THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT DUE TO HIS PAST EFFORTS IN WARTIME AGAINST THEM AND HIS CURRENT ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS FOR THE LAOTIAN PEOPLE. HE AND HIS FAMILY ARE LIVING AT THE END OF A CUL-DE-SAC AND ACROSS THE STREET FROM A PUBLIC PARK. (X) GENERAL VANG PAO LIVES AT 9302 ENGLAND AVENUE, WESTMINSTER, CALIFORNIA, 92683, WITH TELEPHONE NUMBER (714) 379-0575 (X). HE ALSO PROVIDED THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR [redacted] AND [redacted]

THAT SAME DAY, [redacted] WAS ALSO APPRISED OF THE ASSASSINATION THREAT, OF WHICH HE CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE BUT ALSO EVIDENCED NO SURPRISE. HE CLAIMED TO BE UNAWARE OF THE IDENTITIES OF THE POTENTIAL ASSASSINS BUT CLAIMED HE BELIEVED THE THREAT WAS INITIATED BY THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT IN REPRISAL FOR HIS HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY STANDS REGARDING LAOS. (X) [redacted] IS CURRENTLY LIVING AT [redacted]

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(X).

ON 1/3/96, (X) [redacted] AKA [redacted] WAS CONTACTED AT HIS RESIDENCE, [redacted] (X). HE ALSO CLAIMED TO BE UNAWARE OF THE THREAT, BUT SHOWED NO SURPRISE AT THE REPORT OF IT. HE CLAIMED THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT MUST BE RESPONSIBLE SINCE HE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY IN LAOS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE, [redacted] AND OTHERS ARE VERY CLOSE TO GENERAL VANG PAO.

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EACH OF THE INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED AND NOTIFIED OF THE THREAT WERE GIVEN THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE INTERVIEWING AGENT AND INVITED TO CONTACT HIM SHOULD THEY COME ACROSS ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION REPORTS. THIS MATTER IS CONSIDERED RUC.

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[redacted] AMERITECH, [redacted] advised telephone number [redacted] is a nonpublished number.

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[redacted] Status Verifier, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Milwaukee, advised she checked the records of her agency and could locate no information pertaining to a [redacted] male, having date of birth [redacted]

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SUBJECT: UNSUBS (4); GENERAL VANG PAO-VICTIM; [redacted] b6 b7C
VICTIM; [redacted]-VICTIM; [redacted]VICTIM;
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REFERENCE MILWAUKEE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED 12/8/95, SAME CAPTION, NEW HAVEN TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED 12/19/95, CLASSIFIED "~~SECRET~~" REGARDING SAME VICTIMS, AND LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED 1/9/96, SAME CAPTION.

REFERENCED MILWAUKEE TELETYPE SET OUT LEADS FOR LOS ANGELES AT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE VICTIMS, TO ADVISE THEM OF A POTENTIAL ASSASSINATION THREAT, AND TO INTERVIEW THEM CONCERNING ANY KNOWLEDGE THEY MAY HAVE CONFIRMING THESE REPORTS. REFERENCED LOS ANGELES TELETYPE REPORTED RESULTS OF THOSE CONTACTS.

ON 3/13/96, LOS ANGELES WAS CONTACTED BY [redacted] Minn. [redacted] FRIEND OF [redacted] WHO REFERRED [redacted] TO LOS ANGELES CASE AGENT. [redacted] STATED THAT WHILE SEARCHING FOR ANY LOATIAN INDIVIDUAL UTILIZING THE FAMILY NAME OF [redacted] AND HAVING ARRIVED RECENTLY FROM LAOS, HE HAD IDENTIFIED AN INDIVIDUAL WHO ARRIVED IN ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS IN FEBRUARY 1996. THIS INDIVIDUAL IS [redacted] WHO IS CURRENTLY LIVING AT THE HOME OF [redacted]

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[redacted] CAME TO THE UNITED STATES ALONE. b6 b7C

[redacted] IDENTIFIED A SECOND INDIVIDUAL HE CONSIDERS AS A SUSPECTED ASSASSIN AS BEING [redacted] [redacted] WHO IS STAYING AT THE LAOTIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., (202) 265-8922. [redacted] HAS REPORTEDLY TRAVELED TO MINNESOTA AND OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES IN AN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY HIGH RANKING INDIVIDUALS WITHIN THE FREE LAO AND HMONG COMMUNITIES.

[redacted] WOULD WELCOME CONTACT WITH AN FBI AGENT IN HIS AREA.

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REFERENCE IS MADE TO MILWAUKEE, GREEN BAY RESIDENT

AGENCY, TELEPHONE CALL OF SA [redacted] TO SSA [redacted]

[redacted] FBIHQ, NSD-3D ON 4/9/96.

INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER WAS INSTITUTED UPON RECEIPT

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OF INFORMATION ON 12/8/95 FROM [redacted] MALE, DATE

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OF BIRTH [redacted] OF [redacted] WISCONSIN.

[redacted] IS THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE HMONG HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL, WHICH WORKS THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS AND U.S. CONGRESS IN AN EFFORT TO ASSURE HUMAN RIGHTS FOR THOSE HMONGS STILL RESIDING IN LAOS.

ACCORDING TO [redacted] ON 11/15/95, [redacted] ALSO OF [redacted] AND [redacted] HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM [redacted] WHO STILL RESIDES IN LAOS, BUT WAS MAKING THE TELEPHONE CALL FROM [redacted] HAD BEEN ADVISED BY A HIGH RANKING LAOTIAN OFFICIAL, WHO IS ALSO HMONG, THAT THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT OF LAOS HAD OR WOULD BE SENDING FOUR ASSASSINS INTO THE UNITED STATES TO KILL ALL OF THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED VICTIMS. TWO OF THE ASSASSINS WOULD HAVE THE LAST NAME OF [redacted] ONE WOULD HAVE THE LAST NAME [redacted] AND THE FOURTH WOULD HAVE THE LAST NAME [redacted]

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[redacted] HAD IDENTIFIED A [redacted] WISCONSIN AS POSSIBLY BEING ONE OF THE ASSASSINS.

ON 12/10/95, [redacted]

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[redacted] ADVISED THE NEW HAVEN DIVISION THAT ON THAT DATE, SHE HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM [redacted] [redacted] HAD LEARNED THAT IN OCTOBER OF 1995, THE LAOTIAN PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC HAD SENT FOUR AGENTS TO THE UNITED STATES TO "QUIET" GENERAL VANG PAO. TWO AGENTS ARE OF [redacted] ONE IS OF [redacted] AND THE FOURTH IS OF [redacted] THE ASSASSINS SUPPOSEDLY ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES UNDER VISITOR VISAS [redacted]

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INVESTIGATION AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN DETERMINED THAT THE ADDRESS GIVEN FOR [redacted] MILWAUKEE, [redacted] A CHECK WITH THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND DRIVER'S LICENSE RECORDS, TELEPHONE BOOK AND CITY DIRECTORIES,

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FAILED TO LOCATE ANY INFORMATION ON [redacted] AT THAT ADDRESS OR ANY OTHER ADDRESS IN MILWAUKEE.

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ON 1/3/96, [redacted] INFORMED THE NEW HAVEN DIVISION [redacted]

ON 1/2/96, THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION MADE CONTACT WITH GENERAL VANG PAO. GENERAL PAO SAID THAT HE WAS VAGUELY AWARE OF THE THREAT AND WAS TAKING NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS, INCLUDING WEARING A BULLET-PROOF VEST. HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE SPECIFIC THREAT AND THE LIST OF NAMES OF THE FOUR ASSASSINS WHO ALLEGEDLY WERE SENT INTO THIS COUNTRY. AGENTS OBSERVED NO SECURITY MEASURES IN PLACE AT GENERAL PAO'S RESIDENCE. THE GARAGE DOOR AND INNER DOOR TO THE HOUSE WERE OPEN, GIVING EASY ACCESS TO THE ENTIRE RESIDENCE. THE GENERAL WAS SLEEPING UPSTAIRS IN HIS BEDROOM AND WAS NOT WEARING A VEST. NO BODY GUARDS WERE OBSERVED AROUND THE RESIDENCE. GENERAL PAO INDICATED THAT HE WAS UNDER CONSTANT THREAT FROM

THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF HIS WARTIME ACTIVITIES AGAINST THAT REGIME, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF HIS EFFORTS TO ASSURE HUMAN RIGHTS AMONG HMONGS STILL LIVING IN LAOS.

ON 3/13/96, THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION WAS CONTACTED BY [redacted] WHO HAD REFERRED [redacted] TO THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF THE FBI. IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY LAOTIANS USING THE NAME [redacted] WHO HAD RECENTLY ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES FROM LAOS, [redacted] HAD LOCATED A [redacted] WHO ARRIVED IN [redacted] IN FEBRUARY OF 1996. [redacted] IS LIVING AT THE HOME OF [redacted]

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[redacted] ALSO IDENTIFIED A [redacted] ALSO KNOWN AS [redacted] (NAME AS PROVIDED) WHO WAS STAYING AT THE LAOTIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. [redacted] SUPPOSEDLY HAS TRAVELED TO MINNESOTA AND OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES TO IDENTIFY HIGH RANKING INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THE FREE LAOTIAN AND HMONG COMMUNITIES.

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[redacted] by the
False and untrue accussation against [redacted]
Lao Hmong American coalition, INC in Westminster, Colorado.

March 29, 1996.

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I received the following attached letters and accussed documents and statements aganist [redacted]
[redacted] from members, supporters and associates of the Lao Hmong
American Coalition, INC of Westminster, Colorado [redacted]
distributed the following attached information inside the Valleylab Company, INC in Boulder, Colorado.
They are supporters and associates of the Lao Hmong American coalition.

I have learned and truly believed that [redacted] and other executive officers and Board of Directors of the Lao Hmong American coalition have authorized these three Hmong persons AND MANY other supporters and members of the organization to distribute the following attached papers in order to destroy the leadership roles and personal status of [redacted] General Vang Pao. [redacted] and many other mebers of the Lao Hmong American Coalition [redacted] have hated [redacted] and our leader General Vang Pao too much.

I do not believe that the Lao Hmong American coalition can claim to reprsent all Lao and Hmong people in the United States and around the world since they have made false statements against [redacted] and General Vang Pao. [redacted] is the key person who has been working hard for many years to help Hmong and Lao people from human rights violations in laos and to stop forced repatriation of my family members and other refugees from Thailand to Laos. He helpded to bring my family members to come Denver, and many thousands of Hmong refueges from Thailand to resettle in America in the past ten years. I do not believe that the Lao Hmong American coalition has a justification and proper ways to accusse someone wh o has done excellent jobs for our people in this country and refugees in Thailand. I believe that the following attached papers and letters are absolutley wrong to attack therstatus status and qualification and educational beackground of [redacted]

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From my perspectives and opionion, any organizations ans peorsons who have attacked [redacted] and our leader General Vang Pao are communists or communist agents or they work for the Lao Communist government in Laos.

[redacted] and many other Hmong and Lao Americans have gone to meet officials of the Lao Embassy in Washington D.C very often. They received order to divide the unity of Hmong and Lao Americans in the united states. [redacted] is the key person of the Lao Hmong American coalition [redacted] cannot do any thing without advice of [redacted]

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Some Americans who work for the Lao Hmong American Coaltion are wrong to divide the unity of Hmong and Lao Americans into many groups. They must force to resign from this organization. We Hmong people do not need them to create trouble for us in Colrado and other states such as in Minnesota.

[redacted] are currently employees at the Valleylab Comapany, INC 5920 Long Bow Drive, Boulder, Corado 80301.

I believe it is wrong for personnel and managers in this comany to allow the Lao Hmong American Coalition to practice politics and powers against other innocent people inside the company. I believe that the above Hmong employees should be fired out of work here. I do not want to lose my job when someone sue the Valleylab company for personal damages.

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[redacted] is a member of the Lao Hmong American coalition. [redacted] of the Lao Hmong American coalition. He has authorized [redacted] to distr[illegible] distribue the following papers to many Hmong persons and employees inside the Valley Lab Comapany, INC.
I witnessed and recieved the papers from the above three persons.

I do not want to put may name on this report because I afraid that the members of Lao Hmong American Coalition will kill me since I report the above information Hmong and Lao Americans and the general public.

Thank you for your attnetion and consideration on these amtters.
Please make your judment. Please do not believe [redacted] and the Lao Hmong American Coalition.

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 04/10/1996

To: Director **Attn:** NSD, NS-3D
Milwaukee
New Haven (info) **Attn:** SA [redacted]

From: Denver
Squad 14
Contact: [redacted] b6 b7C

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] dk

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OO: MILWAUKEE

Synopsis: Information concerning threats against [redacted]

Reference: Milwaukee teletype, dated 12/9/95.

Enclosures: [2]PT For Bureau and Milwaukee (GBRA), letters received by [redacted]

Details: On 4/8/96 [redacted] Lao Human Rights Council, contacted Denver Division and advised that he had received letters, one of which was a threatening letter from an unknown source. The letters criticized [redacted] for his comments regarding the Lao Hmong American Coalition (LHAC) (detailed in enclosed documents). The threats were set out in a letter which warned [redacted] not to go to Green Bay, Wisconsin, or the "King Kong" family will "execute him". All of the enclosed documents were sent together to [redacted] in an envelope postmarked in Denver, Colorado with no return address. [redacted] believes that the documents are being circulated to discredit his efforts to warn the Hmong community in Denver, Colorado, that the intentions of the LHAC are not to help but hurt the Hmong people by forcing their repatriation to Laos from Thailand. [redacted] believes that members of the LHAC- [redacted] and [redacted], who work at Valley Labs, Inc. Boulder, Colorado are connected some how with the "King Kong" family in [redacted] Wisconsin. b6 b7C

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

To: Director From: Denver
Re: 265A-MW-34118 (GBRA), 04/10/1996

This information is provided to Milwaukee, and any investigation conducted is left to their discretion.

CC: [redacted] b6 b7C

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SUBJECT: "CHANGED": THREATS AGAINST GENERAL VANG PAO; IT - OTHER (LAOS); OO:NH ~~(S)~~.

TITLE MARKED "CHANGED" TO REFLECT THE CHANGE IN PRIMARY TARGET FROM [redacted] TO GENERAL VANG PAO. TITLE

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Any connection to the Green Ray situation?

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PREVIOUSLY CARRIED AS "UNSUBS; THREATS AGAINST [redacted] [redacted]IT - OTHER (LAOS); OO:NH". (S)

(U) THE FOLLOWING INFO IS BEING PROVIDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. NEW HAVEN HAS NO ACTIVE INVESTIGATION. (S)

(U) [redacted] CONTACTED THE NEW HAVEN DIVISION AND PROVIDED FURTHER INFO ON A POSSIBLE THREAT TO ASSASSINATE GENERAL VANG PAO - DE FACTO LEADER OF THE HMONG REFUGEES IN THE U.S. NEW HAVEN DIVISION HAS PROVIDED INFO IN THE PAST CONCERNING POSSIBLE ACTS OF TERRORISM AGAINST HMONG ACTIVISTS ATTEMPTING TO STOP THE FORCED REPATRIATION OF HMONG FROM THAILAND INTO LAOS. TO DATE, PREVIOUS REPORTS OF POSSIBLE THREATS AGAINST GENERAL VANG PAO HAVE NOT COME TO FRUITION. (S)

ON 12/10/1995, [redacted] RECEIVED A TELCALL FROM [redacted] ADVISED THAT HE HAD LEARNED THAT IN 10/1995, THE LAOTIAN PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (LPDR) SENT FOUR AGENTS TO THE U.S. TO ATTEMPT TO QUIET GENERAL VANG PAO. TWO OF THESE AGENTS ARE OF [redacted] ONE IS OF THE [redacted] AND ONE IS OF [redacted] THE FOUR ARRIVED

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(U) ON A VISA AS VISITORS AND TRAVELED FROM MINNESOTA TO CALIFORNIA. (S)

(U) [redacted] BELIEVED THAT THE GROUP WAS PLANNING TO TAKE ACTION SOON AND HYPOTHESIZED THAT THE HMONG NEW YEAR CELEBRATION, 12/23/1995 THROUGH 01/01/1996, AT THE FRESNO CIVIC CENTER WOULD BE A TIME OF HIGH VISIBILITY AND PUBLIC EXPOSURE FOR GENERAL VANG PAO. VANG PAO WAS MADE AWARE OF THESE THREATS AND WAS TAKING THIS THREAT SERIOUSLY BUT STILL INTENDED TO ATTEND THE HMONG NEW YEAR CELEBRATION. (S)

(U) IN 11/1995, [redacted] HAD PREVIOUSLY ADVISED THAT SHE HAD LEARNED THAT THERE WAS A MEETING OF HMONG AND LAO IN [redacted] CA, HEADED BY THE [redacted] OR [redacted] CLAN. THIS MEETING WAS INTENDED TO COLLECT A LARGE SUM OF MONEY TO HANDLE THE GENERAL VANG PAO PROBLEM. THE INTENTION WAS TO COLLECT TWO MILLION DOLLARS (U.S.). THIS MEETING FELL SHORT OF THIS GOAL, BUT SOME MONEY WAS COLLECTED. (S)

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(U) [redacted] IS ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE AN ATTENDEE OF THIS MEETING WHO IS WILLING TO TALK TO THE FBI. (S)

BASED UPON A REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFO ON THE PLANNED ASSASSINATION OF GENERAL VANG PAO, [redacted]

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RECEIVED A DOCUMENT TITLED "COMMUNIST AND TERRORIST GROUPS AND MEMBERS IN AMERICA" DATED 12/04/1995. THE AUTHOR OF THIS ARTICLE IS UNKNOWN. THIS DOCUMENT LISTS UNDER THE HEADING POTENTIAL KILLERS THE AGENTS AND TERRORISTS OF THE LPDR AND "GANG MEMBERS" WHO ARE PAID BY THE LPDR. CONSPIRATORS SUSPECTED ARE THE FOLLOWING PERSONS: (S)

(U) 1) [redacted] (S)

(U) 2) [redacted] (LY) (S)

(U) 3) [redacted] (S)

(U) 4) [redacted] (S)

(U) 5) [redacted] (S)

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(U) 8) [redacted] (S)

(U) 9) [redacted] (S)

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(U) 10) MANY OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE DIFFICULT TO DEFINE AND KNOW THE NAMES. (S)

(U) 11) PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE PRO-FORCE REPATRIATION OF HMONG REFUGEES IN THAILAND TO RETURN TO LAOS OR AGENTS OF THE LPDR AND TERRORIST GROUPS. (S)

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PEOPLE IN FRESNO, CA, REPORTED THAT [redacted] b6 b7C

AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LO CLAN MET IN STOCKTON, CA. THEY AGREED TO COLLECT ABOUT $2 MILLION FROM THE LO CLAN IN ORDER TO KILL GENERAL VANG PAO. OTHER SOURCES REPORTED THAT THE LPDR PASSED MANY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FROM LAOS AND THE LAO EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, DC, TO THESE TERRORISTS AND AGENTS IN ORDER TO KILL GENERAL VANG PAO AND HIS ASSOCIATES. THE MEETING IN STOCKTON, CA, WAS IN 07/1995. THE LOCATION AND EXACT DATE OF THE MEETING ARE STILL NOT AVAILABLE. (S)

(U) NEW HAVEN WILL PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT UNDER SEPARATE COVER. AS THE AUTHOR IS UNKNOWN, THE RELIABILITY OF THE INFO CONTAINED IN SAME IS UNKNOWN. (S)

(U) NEW HAVEN IS SETTING NO LEADS FOR THIS INFO. NEW HAVEN IS AVAILABLE TO CONTACT [redacted] SHOULD FURTHER INVESTIGATION BE NECESSARY. (S) b6 b7C b7D

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 04/29/1996

To: Milwaukee **Attn:** Green Bay RA
SRA [redacted] b6 b7C

From: [redacted]
Squad 5
Contact: SA [redacted] Ext. [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:ewl

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Synopsis: Summary of information discussed during conference call involving FBIHQ and various field offices, 2:00pm-3:30pm CT, 04/25/1996 re captioned matter.

Administrative: Re Milwaukee teletype, 04/09/1996, and Denver EC, with enclosures, dated 04/10/1996.

Details: Writer participated in a conference call on 04/25/1996 regarding captioned matter at the request of Milwaukee Case Agent, Green Bay SRA [redacted] Participants in the conference call, orchestrated by FBIHQ, included the following:

FBIHQ:	SSA [redacted]	
	Unit Chief [redacted]	
	SSA [redacted]	
Denver Div.:	SA [redacted]	
Los Angeles Div.:	SA [redacted]	Santa Ana RA
New Haven Div.:	SA [redacted]	
	SA [redacted]	
Sacramento Div.:	SA [redacted]	Fresno RA
	SA [redacted]	Fresno RA
Milwaukee Div.:	SA [redacted]	

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The representative(s) from each of the above field offices was asked to input information concerning their knowledge and investigation surrounding threats against Hmong leaders in this country. SAs [redacted] advised of at least one known local attack against an individual of Hmong background in the Fresno area which occurred either earlier this year or last year; however, it was not viewed as an act of terrorism, and that information/cooperation/prosecution was not forthcoming from the victim.

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New Haven advised of its periodic contacts with [redacted] information from [redacted] it important that the FBI receive any and all such information, regardless of its origin or credibility.

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The Santa Ana RA advised of its contacts with the captioned victims, reiterating its observations surrounding the evident lack of security exercised by same, particularly that of General Vang Po, who resides in the U.S. in a self-imposed exile.

Denver advised of its periodic contacts with the leader of the Laotian Human Rights Council, [redacted] whom Denver believes may assess his contacts with the FBI as an enhancement of his importance within the Hmong community and human rights movement. Denver readily accepts any information forthcoming from [redacted] but, short of specifics with regard to the plots in question or identities of suspects, Denver has been able to do little solid investigation.

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Writer volunteered a brief summary of Milwaukee's investigation to date, and that, apparently unlike other investigations conducted elsewhere, it had received at least a name of an individual making unusual contacts in the State. The conference revealed that Milwaukee was the only office that still

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

To: Milwaukee From: [redacted]
Re: 265A-MW-34118, 04/29/1996

maintained an active investigation with regard to an alleged plot to assassinate one or more prominent Hmong leaders in this country.

It was also acknowledged that there is an apparent internal struggle among Hmong leaders in this country, involving [redacted] and his Laotian Human Rights Council (HRC) versus the fairly recently established Lao-Hmong American Coalition, prominent members of which include [redacted] and [redacted] both of whom were identified on a list furnished by [redacted] as probable conspirators against General Vang Pao and other HRC personnel. Further, all participants acknowledged the difficulty in dealing with the Hmong as a result of their firmly established distrust for the American Government following the Vietnam War. Obtaining cooperation from the Hmong in any type of inquiry has proven to be difficult.

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Unit Chief [redacted] and SSA [redacted] advised of Congressional interest in these threats, and that the purpose for this conference was for FBIHQ to obtain a better understanding and assessment of this problem based upon the field's input, and thus prepare a sufficient response for Congress.

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Unit Chief [redacted] advised that FBIHQ would prepare a brief summary of the information discussed during the conference and disseminate same to the respective field offcies.

Writer advised that Milwaukee would review its case, and appropriately pursue whatever leads remain.

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CC: SRA [redacted]

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ASSASSINATION; OO: MW.

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THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON(S) WHO SENT THE LETTER TO [redacted] ANY INVESTIGATION IS LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF MILWAUKEE, AND RECEIVING OFFICES.

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LEADS: MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA: ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER TO [redacted] AND CONDUCT LOGICAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION.

CHICAGO DIVISION AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SUBSCRIBER TO [redacted] AND CONDUCT LOGICAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION.

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PASS: ATTENTION: DENVER FOR SA [redacted] LOS ANGELES (SARA) FOR SA [redacted] MILWAUKEE FOR SA [redacted] NEW HAVEN FOR SA [redacted] AND SACRAMENTO (FRENSO RA) FOR SSA [redacted] AND SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: UNSUBS (4); GENERAL VANG PAO - VICTIM; [redacted] VICTIM; [redacted] VICTIM; [redacted] VICTIM;

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO CONFIRM THE 4/25/96 CONFERENCE CALL REGARDING THE FBI'S INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS REPORTED IN NEW HAVEN BY [redacted] AND IN MILWAUKEE BY [redacted]

AS RECIPIENTS ARE AWARE, ON 4/8/96, FBIHQ RECEIVED A LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN ROBERT DORNAN (R-CA) REQUESTING A BRIEFING REGARDING THE CONTERTERRORISM AND COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES OF THE VIETNANESE AND LAOTIAN COMMUNITIES IN THE UNITED STATES. MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE LETTER ADDRESSED SEVERAL ISSUES SURROUNDING THE FBI'S INVESTIGATION OF THE CAPTIONED MATTER. TO HELP ADDRESS THE QUESTIONS POSED BY THE CONGRESSMAN, FBIHQ INITIATED A CONFERENCE CALL IN AN ATTEMPT TO ENHANCE THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE VARIOUS FIELD OFFICES AND FBIHQ AND ESTABLISH A UNIFORM POSTURE TOWARD THIS INVESTIGATION.

BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, IN OCTOBER OF 1993, [redacted] REPORTED TO THE FBI THAT SHE LEARNED THROUGH CONTACTS WITH THE HMONG REFUGEE COMMUNITY THAT THE LAO PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC PROVIDED A LARGE UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT OF MONEY TO ELIMINATE THE VOCAL OPPONENTS TO THEIR POLICIES IN THE UNITED

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STATES.

A PI WAS INITIATED INTO THIS ALLEGATION AND THE CASE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CLOSED AFTER ALL INVESTIGATIVE LEADS WERE EXHAUSTED.

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IN DECEMBER 1995, [redacted] REPORTED TO THE FBI THAT THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT HAS OR WOULD BE SENDING FOUR ASSASSINS INTO THE UNITED STATES TO KILL GENERAL VANG PAO, [redacted]

THIS INVESTIGATION IS PRESENTLY ONGOING IN THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION.

DURING THE CONFERENCE CALL, SEVERAL OFFICES VOICED CONCERNS REGARDING THE AFOREMENTIONED COMPLAINANTS. THESE CONCERNS INCLUDED THE VARACITY OF THE COMPLAINTS, THE WILLINGNESS OF THE COMPLAINANTS TO BE FORTHRIGHT R[GARDING THE ORIGIN OF THE INFORMATION THEY ARE PROVIDING TO THE FBI, AND THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY THAT ALLOWS THE FBI TO CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATION THIS MATTER, GIVEN WHAT HAS BEEN DETERMINE THUS FAR DURING INTERVIEWS OF THE REPORTED VICTIMS.

TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING A BUREAU WIDE CONSENSUS REGARDING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE REPORTED THREATS TO SEVERAL HMONGS PRESENTLY RESIDING IN THE U.S., IT WAS DECIDED THAT, WHERE POSSIBLE,

OFFICES SHOULD RE-INTERVIEW ALLEGED VICTIMS WITHIN THEIR DIVISIONS AND MAKE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THEIR TOTAL COOPERATION IS REQUIRED IF THEY WISH FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE FBI. MORE SPECIFICALLY, THEY MUST DIVULGE THE ORIGIN OF THEIR INFORMATION.

ALSO, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NEW HAVEN DIVISION WILL RE-INITIATE IT'S PI ON 199M-NH-30002, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING WHATEVER PAPERWORK TO FBIHQ THAT NEW HAVEN DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

THE POINT OF CONTACT IN THIS MATTER IS SSA [redacted] b6 b7C TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] TERRORIST GROUPS UNIT, COUNTERTERRORISM/MIDDLE EAST SECTION, NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION, FBIHQ.

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CITE: //3210//

PASS: FBIHQ, NSD, NS-3D, UNIT CHIEF [redacted] ATTENTION

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 05/06/1996

To: NSD
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Attn: SSA [redacted]
Attn: SSA [redacted]

From: ~~NY~~
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Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 265A-MW-34118 (Pending)
NY 227A-1 (Pending)

Title: UNSUBS (4);
GENERAL VANG PAO - VICTIM; ET AL
(U) IT LAOTIAN - ASSASSINATION
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Synopsis: Results of canvass of Vietnamese sources.

Classification: This document is classified "~~SECRET~~" in its entirety unless otherwise marked.

(U) **Details:** On 4-30-96, SSA [redacted] telephonically contacted ASSA [redacted] to ascertain any information from the Vietnamese program which might shed light on the assassinations in caption matter. This telephonic conversation was followed by immediate teletype similarly dated. ~~(S)~~

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(U) A survey of SAs and sources dedicated to the 227 program of the NYO was made and it was determined that no incidents of assassination or other information pertaining to this matter were discovered. SSA [redacted] was telephonically advised of the negative results of this survey. ~~(S)~~

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CITE: //3470//

PASS: ATTN: NSD, NS-3D, SSA [redacted] b6 b7C

SUBJECT: UNSUBS (4); GENERAL VANG PAO - VICTIM; [redacted] VICTIM; [redacted] - VICTIM; [redacted] VICTIM; [redacted] - VICTIM; [redacted] - VICTIM; AOT - IT - LAOS - ASSASSINATION; OO: MILWAUKEE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

RE TELCALL BETWEEN SSA [redacted] AND SA [redacted] [redacted] ON 5/9/96 AND BUTEL, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE, DATED 5/10/96. b6 b7C

PER RE TELCAL, MILWAUKEE WAS REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO VERIFY IF AN OVERSEAS

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CALL ORIGINATING FROM THAILAND WAS RECEIVED BY [redacted] ON b6 b7C
11/15/95 AT APPROXIMATELY 10:00 P.M. CONTACT WITH AT&T DETERMINED A SEARCH OF THEIR USA DIRECTORY COMPUTER WAS NEGATIVE. ACCORDING TO THE AT&T OFFICIAL, THEY ARE UNABLE TO ACCESS THE REQUESTED INFORMATION BECAUSE THE CALL WAS A DIRECT DIAL. THERE IS NO EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON INTERNATIONAL CALLS, UNLESS THE CALL IS COLLECT.

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 05/14/1996

To: Milwaukee

From: [redacted]
GBRA
Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] sms

Case ID #: 265A-MW-34118 (Pending)

Title: UNSUBS (4);
GENERAL VANG PAO-VICTIM;
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[redacted] -VICTIM;
[redacted] -VICTIM;
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Synopsis: Information.

Details: On 04/24/1996, SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] Wisconsin, telephone number [redacted] advised that the telephone call he received on 11/15/1995 at 10:00 p.m. from [redacted] was not collect but was paid for by [redacted]

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[redacted] was asked if he knew the "King Kong" family in Green Bay. He said the Kong family have somewhat different political views toward Laos than the Hmong Human Rights Council (HHRC). He is unaware of any threats toward himself or anyone else associated with the HHRC.

CC: 1 - SA [redacted]

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 05/14/1996

To: Milwaukee **Attn:** Green Bay RA, SRA [redacted] b6 b7C

From: [redacted]
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Contact: SA [redacted] Ext. [redacted] b6 b7C

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] :sms

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Title: UNSUBS (4);
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AOT-LAOTIAN-ASSASSINATION b6 b7C

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Synopsis: Information.

Details: On 05/10/1996, SA [redacted] initiated contact with AT&T to determine if an overseas call was received at telephone number [redacted] located at [redacted] on 11/15/1995 at approximately 10:00 p.m. b6 b7C

AT&T advised that they did a search of their USA Director Computer and it was negative. According to AT&T, inasmuch as the call was a direct dial, they are unable to access this information. Apparently there is no exchange of information on international calls, unless it is a collect call.

CC: 1 - SA [redacted]
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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 05/23/1996

To: Milwaukee
Denver

From: Minneapolis
Contact: IA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] cjn

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[redacted] - VICTIM;
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Synopsis: Telephone subscriber developed for [redacted]

Reference: 265A-MW-34118 Serial 17

Administrative: Re DNtel dated 5/1/96.

Details: The identification of possible telephone number, [redacted] located on threatening letter sent to [redacted], is [redacted] This number was disconnected on 12/18/95 and there was no new listing given. Further identification of [redacted] through DMV-DL information was negative as were indices. There are several [redacted] listed in the Twin Cities area, but in absence of further identifying information, there is no way to discern if they are subscriber as listed above.

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND OPERATIONS SUPPORT BRANCH,

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NS-2D, RM 4147, FBIHQ FOR SSA [redacted] DENVER FOR SA [redacted]

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

(U) THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "CONFIDENTIAL" IN ITS ENTIRETY. (C)

(U) FOR INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, THE CAPTIONED CASE WAS INITIATED UPON INFORMATION RECEIVED IN THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION ON 12/8/96 FROM [redacted] MALE, DOB: [redacted] WHO RESIDES AT [redacted] WISCONSIN. (C)

[redacted] REPORTED THAT ON 11/15/95, [redacted] WHO ALSO RESIDES IN [redacted] WISCONSIN, RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM [redacted] REPORTEDLY INDICATED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY A HIGH RANKING LAOTIAN OFFICIAL, WHO IS ALSO HMONG, THAT THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT HAD OR WOULD BE SENDING

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FOUR ASSASSINS INTO THE UNITED STATES TO KILL THE CAPTIONED VICTIMS. (C)

(U) THE CAPTIONED VICTIMS, ESPECIALLY GENERAL VANG PAO, HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THEIR ATTEMPTS TO OVERTHROW THE CURRENT COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT IN LAOS. (C)

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND OPERATIONS SUPPORT BRANCH,

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (IR) SECTION, IR UNIT II, RM 7458, FBIHQ; b6 b7C

DENVER FOR SA [redacted] LOS ANGELES (SARA) FOR SA [redacted]

[redacted] MILWAUKEE FOR SA [redacted] NEW HAVEN FOR SA [redacted] b6 PER FBI b7C

AND SACRAMENTO (FRESNO RA) FOR SSA [redacted] AND SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: UNSUBS (4); GENERAL VANG PAO - VICTIM; [redacted] b6 PER FBI b7C

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(U) LEGAT BANGKOK IS REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS AN ACTIVE ARREST WARRANT IN THAILAND FOR VANG PAO, HMONG MALE, DOB: 12/8/29, AND, IF SO, PROVIDE COMPLETE DETAILS OF THE VIOLATION THAT CAUSED THE WARRANT TO BE ISSUED. (C)

(U) THE POINT OF CONTACT IN THIS MATTER IS SSA [redacted] TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] TERRORIST GROUPS UNIT, COUNTERTERRORISM/MIDDLE EAST SECTION, NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION FBIHQ. (C)

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 08/23/1996

To: Milwaukee **Attn:** Squad 5
SSA [redacted]

From: [redacted]
GBRA
Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:psr

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9/11/96

Case ID #: 265A-MW-34118 (Pending)

Title: UNSUBS(4);
GENERAL VANG PAO-VICTIM;
ET AL;
IT-LAOTIAN-ASSASSINATION

Synopsis: This case should be coordinated with SSA [redacted] of the NSD, D-6.

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Administrative: In view of SA [redacted] retirement on 09/01/1996, this case should be reassigned to another agent.

Details: Investigation in this matter was instituted upon receipt of information on 12/08/1995 from [redacted] who described himself [redacted]

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According to [redacted] on [redacted] at 10:00 p.m., [redacted] had received a telephone call from [redacted] who still resides in Laos. The call, however, originated from Thailand. [redacted] indicated that he had been informed by a high ranking Laotian official that the Laotian Communist government had sent four assassins into the U.S. to kill four victims. According to the caller two of the assassins would have the last name [redacted] one of the assassins named [redacted] and the fourth with the last name [redacted]

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Leads were set out to notify all the victims of the potential threat. From responses it became apparent that there is a conflict between several factions within the Hmong community

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throughout the U.S. One faction headed up by General Vang Pao desires to return to Laos and reestablish a democratic government. A second faction has no desire to return to Laos and does not want to contribute any monies to General Pao for this endeavor.

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Apparently a Congressman from California had contacted FBIHQ concerning these threats and SSA [redacted] became involved. Several conference telephone calls were held between SSA [redacted] and the various offices involved in the investigation.

The new case agent assigned to this matter should coordinate with SSA [redacted] concerning any additional investigation that is desired at this time.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 09/24/1996

To: Milwaukee

From: [redacted]
Squad 5
Contact: Ext. [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:ewl

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Case ID #: 265A-MW-34118 (Pending)

Title: UNSUBS (4);
GENERAL VANG PAO - VICTIM;
ET AL;
AOT-IT-LAOTIAN-ASSASSINATION

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Synopsis: Status of residential telephone numbers for initial complainant and colleague. Investigation continuing.

Reference: 265A-MW-34118 Serial 27;
265A-MW-34118 Serial 1.

Details: On 09/23/1996 and 09/24/1996, attempts to telephonically contact both [redacted] and [redacted] at their residences [redacted] and [redacted] 9638 respectively, determined that both residential lines have been disconnected, with no new numbers available.

Instant investigation predicated upon complaint from [redacted] in December, 1995 that the Laotian Government has reportedly planned to send a number of assassins to the U.S. to murder a number of prominent Hmong refugees active in the Hmong civil rights movement. Complaint from [redacted] predicated upon calls received by [redacted] and associate, [redacted] from a suspicious individual identifying himself as [redacted] reportedly in residence in Milwaukee. Among the details furnished by [redacted] in the original complaint to the Green Bay Resident Agency, he commented that, following his conversation with [redacted] he had contacted members of the Hmong community in Milwaukee for additional information on [redacted] however, he failed to identify these people by name and/or telephone number to the Agent taking the complaint.

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To: Milwaukee From: SA [redacted]
Re: 265A-MW-34118, 09/24/1996

It is believed that efforts to identify [redacted] may be facilitated by contact with those individuals in Milwaukee who provided information to [redacted] upon his inquiries in 1995. Thus, efforts are presently being made to recontact [redacted] for the names/numbers of these individuals who had some knowledge of [redacted]

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CC: SA [redacted]

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 10/03/1996

To: Milwaukee

From: [redacted] b6 b7C
Squad 5
Contact: Ext. [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] ewl

Case ID #: 265A-MW-34118 (Pending)

Title: UNSUBS (4);
GENERAL VANG PAO - VICTIM,
ET AL;
AOT-IT-LAOTIAN-ASSASSINATION

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Synopsis: Complainant reinterviewed, and contact also established with [redacted] for the Lao Human Rights Council, Inc., who has recently moved back into the Eau Claire, Wisconsin area. b6 b7C

Reference: 265A-MW-34118 Serial 28

Enclosures: One copy of a Press Release, dated 08/28/1996, from the Laotian Human Rights Council, Inc. of Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Details: On 10/02/1996, [redacted] was reinterviewed at the Washington Middle School, 314 S. Baird Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin, Tel. (414) 448-2095, [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] was interviewed regarding information he had obtained from acquaintances in the Milwaukee area regarding the individual named [redacted] who had earlier telephonically contacted [redacted] and aroused his suspicions that [redacted] might represent one sent into this country to carry out assassinations of certain prominent Hmong refugees on behalf of the Laotian Government. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that he himself did not make the contacts with those in Milwaukee who had knowledge of [redacted] but rather this information was obtained by his superior, [redacted] Executive Director of the Lao Human Rights Council (LHRC), whom [redacted] called immediately after his alarming call with [redacted]

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contacted [redacted] who was then working and residing in Colorado, and it was [redacted] who made the inquiries of the Hmong community in Milwaukee for information on [redacted]

[redacted] noted that [redacted] since approximately two months ago, now resides and works in the [redacted] Wisconsin area. [redacted] advised that, at writer's request, he would immediately contact [redacted] and advise him that writer would be contacting him for information about those he contacted in Milwaukee who had knowledge of [redacted]

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[redacted] provided writer a copy of a press release, dated August 28, 1996, published by [redacted]

[redacted] advised he no longer has a functioning home phone, since the phone company terminated his service as a result of his inability to pay a large phone bill. He hopes to eventually pay the bill and, thereafter, have the service restored. [redacted] explained that his position [redacted]

Subsequent drive-by at the above [redacted] address revealed the name [redacted]

On 10/03/1996, telephonic contact was established with [redacted] who confirmed that it was he who made the contacts with members of the Milwaukee Hmong community for information regarding the [redacted] who had called [redacted] He advised that he would mail writer a number of documents regarding the LHRC situation, as well as information regarding the identities of those individuals in Milwaukee who provided information to him regarding [redacted] It is noted that, in this latter regard, writer specifically asked these individuals be identified by name, address, and phone number.

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[redacted] appeared cordial and cooperative, and clearly was encouraged that the FBI was still pursuing this investigative matter.

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To: Milwaukee From: [redacted]
Re: 265A-MW-34118, 10/03/1996

Upon receipt of [redacted] information, investigation will continue.

Descriptive Data:

Reference
Race: A
Sex: M
Name -
Last:
First:
Middle:
DDN:
Address -
House #:
Pre Direction:
Street Name:
City:
State:

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Reference
Race: A
Sex: M
Name -
Last:
First:
Middle:
DDN:
Miscellaneous -
Association:

[redacted]

Reference
Race: X
Sex: X
Name - LAO HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
Address -
House #: P.O. Box 1606
City: Eau Claire
State: Wi.
Postal Code: 54702
Phone: (715) 831-8355
(715) 831-8563 - fax

To: Milwaukee From: [redacted]
Re: 265A-MW-34118, 10/03/1996

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CC: SA [redacted]

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Lao Human Rights Council, Inc.
P.O. Box 1606
Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54702
Phone (715) 831-8355
Fax (715) 831-8563

August 28, 1996

Immediate Press Release on Hmong Refugees

Reliable sources have confirmed that at about 8:40 p.m. on September 6, 1996, Mr. Xai Houa Yang (8) and his family members will land at the Eau Claire Airport. He was one of the six political prisoners in Thailand from September 1994 to May 1996. The Lao Human Rights Council, Inc., Lao Veterans of America, Inc., and Congressmen Steve Gunderson, Robert Dornan, Benjamin Gilman, Christopher Smith, Senator Rod Grams and other members of Congress worked hard to release him and the other five prisoners from jail in Sikhiu Camp, Thailand. Mr. Fai Yee Xiong, another former prisoner, already arrived in Sacramento, California. The four remaining former prisoners who are still in the Napho Camp, Thailand, are: Mr. Chong Yia Yang (Tong See Yang); Blia Thai Xiong; Vang Bee and Khampham. It is our hope that they and other refugees will arrive in this country in the near future.

The recent fact-finding mission to the Napho Camp by representatives of the Lao Human Rights Council, Inc., and Lao Veterans of America, Inc., Dr. Jane Hamilton-Merritt, Philip Smith, Dr. James Vineyard and the rest of the delegation in July and August 1996 produced excellent results and achieved the release of the six Hmong and Lao political prisoners and many thousands of refugees will receive the opportunity to resettle in the United States in 1996.

Consequently, these are great victories for the Lao Human Rights Council and its supporters and for the Hmong refugees in Thailand and Hmong and Lao Americans in the United States. Many victims of human rights violations and those supporters of these victims are great heroes of human rights, peace, freedom, democracy, justice, liberty and dignity.

Mr. Xai Houa Yang and the six political prisoners are great heroes of Hmong and Lao refugees and human rights.

I call on anyone who is interested to join me to welcome Xai Houa Yang; please call me for information. Reporters are welcome to cover this hero of human rights and justice.

If anyone is interested in donating food and other basic human needs, clothing, housing, or furniture, please call the Lao Human Rights Council or Mr. Chue Vang Moua at (715) 839-8286.

Thank you for your interest in this announcement.

Released by

Dr. Vang Pobzeb
Acting Executive Director
Lao Human Rights Council, Inc.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 06/20/1996

To: Director, FBI **Attn:** Unit Chief [redacted] b6 b7C
NSD, NS-3D

✓Milwaukee
Denver

From: Chicago
Squad 5C
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] :cs

Case ID #: 265A-MW-34138 (Pending) b6 b7C

Title: UNSUB(S) (4);
GENERAL BLONG VANG-VICTIM;
[redacted] VICTIM;
[redacted] VICTIM;
[redacted] -VICTIM
AOT-IT-LAOTIAN-ASSASSINATION
OO: MW

Synopsis: Subscriber information for [redacted] obtained and background checks completed. No further investigation is being conducted in Chicago.

Administrative: Reference Denver teletype to Bureau dated 5/1/96.

Enclosures: Enclosed for Milwaukee are the original and one copy each of two investigative inserts. Enclosed for the Bureau and Denver are two copies each of two investigative inserts.

Details: See enclosed inserts.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois on 6/5/96:

The subscriber to (312) 728-1199 is: b6 b7C

THAILAND FOOD CORPORATION
THAILAND PLAZA
4821 N. Broadway
Chicago, Illinois 60640

Personnel at the Illinois Secretary of State, Corporation Division, provided the following information:

THAILAND FOOD CORPORATION
4821 N. Broadway
Chicago, Illinois 60640
(312) 728-1199
Incorporated 3/10/81
State ID #: 52321778
Status: Good standing
Registered Agent and President -
SONGPAN CHITTASIRINUVAT
4821 N. Broadway
Chicago, Illinois 60640
[redacted] b6 b7C
Assumed name: THAILAND PLAZA CORPORATION
Adopted 6/29/81
Cancelled 8/2/82
Adopted 8/17/82
Cancelled 8/1/85

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois on 6/20/96: b6 b7C

IA [redacted] obtained the following information through a freedom of information request to the City of Chicago:

THAILAND FOOD CORPORATION/THAILAND PLAZA
4821 N. Broadway
Chicago, Illinois 60640

Payer name: THAILAND FOOD CORPORATION
Business name: THAILAND FOOD CORPORATION
Licensee name: THAILAND FOOD CORPORATION
President: SONGPAN KLAISUBAN
Secretary: [redacted]
Manager: [redacted]

A query of the Butte Information Technology Center provided the following information:

Dun and Bradstreet shows the THAILAND FOOD CORPORATION to have been started in 1974 by [redacted] as THAILAND PLAZA. 100% of capital stock is owned by officers. [redacted] was born in [redacted] and came to the United States in 1971. 1972-1973, he was employed by Roadway Inn, Chicago, Illinois. 1973-1974, he was employed by Sheridan Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] is the [redacted] and was born in [redacted] She came to the United States in 1972. 1972-1974 she attended [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. The business wholesales (50%) and retails (50%) groceries to the general public and retailers. It employees 4, including the officers.

Chicago indices and FOIMS checks, as well as local police checks negative.

The area in which the THAILAND FOOD CORPORATION is located is reported to be the neighborhood where the majority of Chicago's Hmong immigrants live.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 06/09/1996

To: Chicago **Attn:** SA [redacted]
Milwaukee

From: Butte ITC
Investigative Information Services Center (IISC)
Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:bk

Case ID #: 265A-MW-34138 (Pending)

Title: THAILAND FOOD CORPORATION
RECORD 108030

Synopsis: Database searches conducted by the Butte ITC

Enclosures: Attached are copies of printouts setting forth results of inquiries conducted by the Butte ITC. Also attached is a copy of an accomplishment/reply form. It is requested that you record the IISC accomplishments on this form and return it to the Butte ITC.

Details: A Dun & Bradstreet business report.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

400 North Main Street, Room 115
Butte, Montana 59701
- Commercial Telephone: (406) 782-2304, Exts. 44 thru 48
- FTS: 700-585-2391 - FAX: (406) 782-9504 & (406) 782-9507
- Secure FAX & STU III: (406) 782-2304, Ext. 26
- Off-Hour Duty Analyst Pager: (406) 496-8736

Butte ITC Use Only:
Record #: 108030
Date/Time In: 6/5 11:25
Date/Time Out: 6/9 2000
Database(s) Used:
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Handled By: [redacted] b6 b7C
Request/Resp

TO: FBI, BUTTE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Date: 6/5/96 Drug Related: Yes ☐ No ☒

Requestor: SA [redacted] Phone # [redacted] Office: CG UCFN: 265A-MW-3413

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SEARCH CRITERIA

Name - Last: THAILAND FOOD CORPORATION First: _____ Middle: _____

Alias: THAILAND PLAZA Sex: __ DOB1: / / DOB2: / / SSAN: _____

Residence - Street Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Business - Street Address: 4821 N. Broadway City/State: Chicago, IL Zip: 60640 Phone: (312) 728-119

Business ID#: _____

CHECK DESIRED SEARCH PARAMETERS (Please check only those that are needed.):

- ☐ 1. Locate Business/Person (_____ U.S. _____ State)
- ☐ 2. Determine All Individuals Associated with Social Security Number
- ☐ 3. Determine Who is Associated with Telephone Number(s)
- ☐ 4. Determine Address of Business/Person (_____ U.S. _____ State)
- ☐ 5. Determine Property Owned by Individual (_____ U.S. _____ State)
- ☐ 6. Determine Who Owns Property Listed Above
- ☐ 7. Determine Who Resides at Address Listed Above
- ☐ 8. Uniform Commercial Code (_____ U.S. _____ State)
- ☐ 9. Corporate/Limited Partnership Records (_____ U.S. _____ State)
- ☐ 10. Bankruptcy (_____ State - Areas of Availability are Limited)
- ☐ 11. Judgements (_____ State - Areas of Availability are Limited)
- ☐ 12. Lawsuits (_____ State - Areas of Availability are Limited)
- ☐ 13. Liens (_____ State - Areas of Availability are Limited)
- ☐ 14. Notice of Loan Default
- ☐ 15. Security & Exchange Commission Filings
- ☒ 16. Search All

FBI, Butte Information Technology Center Reply

Return Reply To:
SAC, CHICAGO

Attention: [redacted] b6 b7C

Based on search criteria, marked records are attached:
- ☒ Possible Identifiable Records
- ☐ Other Peripheral Information
- ☐ No Information Found

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DUNS: 03-850-6754
THAILAND FOOD CORP
+THAILAND PLAZA

4821 N BROADWAY ST FLR 1
CHICAGO IL 60640
TEL: 312 728-1199

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STARTED	1974
EMPLOYS	4
HISTORY	INCOMPLETE
FINANCING	SECURED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE: SONGPAN CHITTARIRINUVAT, PRES

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* * * SUMMARY ANALYSIS * * *

The Summary Analysis section reflects information in D&B's file as of June 3, 1996.

RATING SUMMARY . . . .

The absence of a Rating (--) indicates that the information available to D&B does not permit us to assign a Rating to this business. In this case, no Rating was assigned because D&B does not have sufficient historical information about this company to assign a Rating.

Below is an overview of the company's D&B Rating(s) since 01/01/91:

RATING	DATE APPLIED
--	01/01/91

* * * PAYMENT SUMMARY * * *

The Payment Summary section reflects payment information in D&B's file as of the date of this report.

The PAYDEX for this company is 67.

This PAYDEX score indicates that payments to suppliers average 18 days beyond terms, weighted by dollar amounts. When dollar amounts are not considered, approximately 88% of the company's payments are within terms.

Below is an overview of the company's dollar-weighted payments, segmented by its suppliers' primary industries:

	TOTAL RCV'D	TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNTS	LARGEST HIGH CREDIT	% W/IN TERMS	DAYS SLOW <31	31-60	61-90	91+
	#	$	$	%	%	%	%	%
Total in D&B's file	5	29,750	25,000					
Payment By Industry:								
1 Arrange cargo transpt	1	25,000	25,000	50	50	-	-	-
2 Whol industrial equip	1	2,500	2,500	100	-	-	-	-
3 Short-trm busn credit	1	1,000	1,000	100	-	-	-	-
4 Whol service paper	1	500	500	100	-	-	-	-
Other Payment Categories:								
Cash experiences	1	750	750					
Payment record unknown	0	0	0					
Unfavorable comments	0	0	0					
Placed for collection								
with D&B	0	0						
other	0	N/A						

The highest "Now Owes" on file is $15,000
The highest "Past Due" on file is $5,000

D&B receives over 220 million payment experiences each year. We enter these new and updated experiences into D&B Reports as this information is received.

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PAYMENTS (Amounts may be rounded to nearest figure in prescribed ranges)

Antic - Anticipated (Payments received prior to date of invoice)
Disc - Discounted (Payments received within trade discount period)
Ppt - Prompt (Payments received within terms granted)

REPORTED	PAYING RECORD	HIGH CREDIT	NOW OWES	PAST DUE	SELLING TERMS	LAST SALE WITHIN
04/96	Ppt	1000			Regular terms	1 Mo
	Ppt	500	-0-	-0-	1 10 N30	1 Mo
	Ppt-Slow 30	25000	15000	5000	N30	1 Mo
02/96	(004)	750			Sales COD	1 Mo
01/96	Ppt	2500	1000	-0-		1 Mo

* Payment experiences reflect how bills are met in relation to the

terms granted. In some instances payment beyond terms can be the result of disputes over merchandise, skipped invoices etc.
* Each experience shown represents a separate account reported by a supplier. Updated trade experiences replace those previously reported.

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FINANCE

12/13/95 Attempts to contact management were unsuccessful ending Dec 13 1995. Officers were out of town.

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PUBLIC FILINGS

The following data is for information purposes only and is not the official record. Certified copies can only be obtained from the official source.

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* * * SUIT(S) * * *

CASE NO.: 92M1 108902
PLAINTIFF: $9,369-INTERMODAL SALES CORP
DEFENDANT: THAILAND FOOD CORP
WHERE FILED: COOK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT/1ST MUNICIPAL DIVISION, CHICAGO, IL
STATUS: Pending
DATE STATUS ATTAINED: 02/18/1992
DATE FILED: 02/18/1992
LATEST INFO RECEIVED: 02/25/1992

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* * * UCC FILING(S) * * *

COLLATERAL: All Negotiable instruments including proceeds and products - All Inventory including proceeds and products - All Account(s) including proceeds and products - All Contract rights including proceeds and products - and OTHERS
FILING NO: 003306093
TYPE: Original
SEC. PARTY: MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC CORP. OF AMERICA, SECAUCUS, NJ
DEBTOR: THAILAND FOOD CORP. and OTHERS
DATE FILED: 09/15/1994
LATEST INFO RECEIVED: 09/19/1994
FILED WITH: SECRETARY OF STATE/UCC DIVISION, IL

The public record items contained in this report may have been paid, terminated, vacated or released prior to the date this report was printed.

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HISTORY

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SONGPAN CHITTARIRINUVAT, PRES PAISIT CHITTARIRINUVAT, SEC
DIRECTOR(S): THE OFFICER(S)

CORPORATE AND BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS REPORTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR OTHER OFFICIAL SOURCE AS OF 06/06/1996:

BUSINESS TYPE: Corporation - Profit
DATE INCORPORATED: 03/10/1981
STATE OF INCORP: Illinois

AUTH SHARES-COMMON: 1,000
COMMON STOCK ISSUED: 100

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Business started 1974 [redacted] as Thailand Plaza 100% of capital stock is owned by officers. [redacted] born [redacted] Wife of [redacted] [redacted] Came to the United States in 1972. 1972-1974 attended [redacted] [redacted] born [redacted] Came to the United States in 1971. 1972-1973 employed by [redacted] 1973-1974 employed by [redacted]

OPERATION
12/13/95 Wholesales (50%) and retails (50%) groceries.
Sells for cash 50% balance on net 30 day terms. Has 100 account(s).
Sells to general public and retailers. Territory : Chicago and Suburbs.
Nonseasonal.
EMPLOYEES: 4 which includes officer(s).
FACILITIES: Rents 30,000 sq. ft. on 1st floor of 5 story brick building.
LOCATION: Central business section on well traveled street.
06-09(903 /903) 00000 002032032
BANK: Broadway Bank, 5960 N Broadway Ave

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****PLEASE RETURN*****

INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION SERVICES
REPLY FORM

In order to help us better serve your investigative needs, please complete the following and return to:

FBI, Butte Information Technology Center
400 North Main Street, Room #115
Butte, Montana 59701

BUTTE ITC RECORD #: 108030 UCFN: 265A-MW-34138

ANALYST: [redacted]

RE: Thailand Food Corp

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Was the information provided helpful to your investigation? ☐ YES ☐ NO
If **NO**, please let us know how we could be more helpful to your investigation: _____

ACCOMPLISHMENT(S) resulting from information:

PERSON(S): (Enter **total number** applicable to each of the following)

_____ FBI Fugitive(s) Arrested: ☐ FBI ☐ Local Date_____

(Forward photo of Fugitive arrested with this Reply form)

_____ Local Fugitive(s) Arrested: ☐ FBI ☐ Local Date_____

(Forward photo of Fugitive arrested with this Reply form)

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Date 5/19/94

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM RHR/gom SAC, SACRAMENTO (2-SC-24052) ~~(C)~~

SUBJECT : GENERAL VANG PAO, 67-0 SUB OA-2062
LAO UNITED INDEPENDENT FRONT,
AKA THE LAO UNITED INDEPENDENT ARMY;
NEUTRALITY MATTER-LAOS;
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Sacramento, California

May 13, 1994

GENERAL VANG PAO
LAO UNITED INDEPENDENT FRONT,
Also Known As
THE LAO UNITED INDEPENDENT ARMY

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The majority of the information provided in this letterhead memorandum was provided by a source with whom insufficient contact has been made to determine source's reliability but who has been intimately connected with the LAO UNITED INDEPENDENT FRONT and who has had association with General VANG PAO and [redacted] associate of VANG PAO. b6 b7C

General VANG PAO, a former general in the Lao Army, is now a naturalized United States citizen who resides in Orange County, California. In 1975, following the defeat of U.S.-backed Hmong guerrillas fighting against the Communist Laotian forces, VANG PAO, a leader of the resistance movement, spent some two years along the Lao-Thai border engaging in guerrilla attacks against the Lao Communist government. He had at his disposal a significant number of Hmong refugees who had fled Laos but who were now living in refugee camps in Thailand. Even after VANG PAO's entry into the United States, he spearheaded a resistance movement in Thailand, especially amongst Hmong mountain people living in camps in Thailand. The dream was for an eventual return to a state of affairs as existed before Communist rule.

Amongst those at VANG PAO's right hand was [redacted] date of birth: [redacted] place of birth: [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

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Initially, according to the source, [redacted]

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Apparently, according to the source, [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 09/08/1997

To: Milwaukee **Attn:** SA [redacted]

From: Omaha
Squad 4/Lincoln RA
Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] :ses

(U) **Case ID #:** ~~(S)~~ 265A-MW-34118 -42

(U) **Title:** ~~(S)~~ [redacted]
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(U) **Synopsis:** ~~(S)~~ Contact with INS has determined that the subject is an "over stay" and is deportable.

(U) ~~(S)~~ ~~Derived From : G-3~~
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(U) **Details:** ~~(S)~~ Reference telcalls between IA [redacted] and SA [redacted] on 9/5/97.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Contact with officials at the Lincoln INS office revealed that [redacted] male, DOB [redacted] with INS [redacted] is not a legal resident alien. Before [redacted] can even apply for the status, he must reside in this country for five years.

(U) ~~(S)~~ Records show that [redacted] had applied for residency, had been denied, but was granted an extension until 6/10/95. He appeared before an immigration judge and was denied residency. He was to depart in November 1996, and his "call up date" as a deportable alien was shown as 7/25/97.

(U) ~~(S)~~ As he has been granted no further extensions and has been before the immigration judge, and had been denied, he should not be in this country now. If he is here, he would be classified an "over stay".

(U) ~~(S)~~ INS records show that the last address they have for him is shown as [redacted] as of 11/15/94.

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Date 9/12/97

FR 10/10/97

FM FBI MILWAUKEE (265A-MW-34118) (P)

TO DIRECTOR FBI/IMMEDIATE/

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CITE: //3470//

PASS: ATTENTION NSD, UNIT NS-3D, UNIT CHIEF [redacted] [redacted] SSA [redacted]

SUBJECT: UNSUBS (4); GENERAL VANG PAO-VICTIM; [redacted] [redacted] VICTIM; [redacted] VICTIM; [redacted] VICTIM; [redacted] VICTIM; AOT-IT-LAOTIAN ASSASSINATION; OO: MILWAUKEE.

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RE MILWAUKEE TELCAL BETWEEN SA [redacted] AND UNIT CHIEF [redacted] P.M., 9/12/97.

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REFERENCED TELCAL ADVISED OF SA [redacted] RECEIPT OF A TELEPHONIC INQUIRY FROM [redacted] (PHONETIC), ASSISTANT TO U.S. SENATOR HERB KOHL, TELEPHONE [redacted] ON THE

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MORNING OF 9/12/97, ADVISING OF A RECENT VISIT TO THE SENATOR'S OFFICE BY A [redacted] A PROMINENT HMONG EMIGRE LEADER, WHO ADVISED THE SENATOR OF THREATS/HARASSMENT AGAINST THE HMONG COMMUNITY IN THIS COUNTRY, AND THAT [redacted] [redacted] HAD MENTIONED THAT THE FBI HAD SPECIFICALLY ADVISED THE HMONG OF SUCH THREATS. [redacted] WHO HAS CONTACTED SA [redacted] ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS IN 1997 AS THE HEAD OF THE HMONG HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL, MENTIONED SA [redacted] NAME IN THIS CONTACT WITH SENATOR KOHL'S OFFICE.

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UNIT CHIEF [redacted] WAS FURTHER ADVISED THAT [redacted] WAS TOLD THAT THE HMONG HAVE A FAIRLY LARGE REPRESENTATION IN THE UNITED STATES, AND THAT THERE IS A RESPECTABLE NUMBER OF HMONG IN WISCONSIN. [redacted] WAS ALSO ADVISED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE PREVIOUSLY ADDRESSED CONCERNS VOICED BY THE HMONG, AND THAT [redacted] COULD MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES. [redacted] ADVISED [redacted] THAT ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DESIRED CONCERNING ANY INVESTIGATIVE CONCERNS WOULD HAVE TO BE DIRECTED TO FBIHQ IN WASHINGTON. [redacted] STATED SHE WOULD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN RESULTS OF ANY PRIOR INQUIRIES BY CONGRESS ON THE HMONG ISSUE, AND, IF NECESSARY, CONTACT FBIHQ.

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FOR INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, INSTANT CASE WAS PREDICATED UPON INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN RESIDENT AGENCY IN DECEMBER 1995, FROM [redacted] MALE AND [redacted] RESIDENT, WHO STATED THAT THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT HAD SENT, OR WOULD BE SENDING, FOUR ASSASSINS TO THE U.S. TO KILL THE CAPTIONED INDIVIDUALS. INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PLOT SURFACED AS A RESULT OF AN INTERNATIONAL PHONE CALL ON 11/15/95 [redacted]

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ON 11/19/95, [redacted] RECEIVED A TELEPHONIC INQUIRY FROM AN INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS [redacted] REPORTEDLY BORN ON [redacted] AND REPORTEDLY RESIDING AT [redacted] ANNOUNCED TO [redacted] THAT HE HAD FLED LAOS UPON LEARNING THAT HE HAD BEEN TARGETED FOR ASSASSINATION, AND THAT HE WAS NOW SEEKING ASSISTANCE FROM THE HHRC IN CLARIFYING HIS IMMIGRATION STATUS. IN THE CONVERSATION THAT ENSUED, IT BECAME CLEAR TO [redacted] THAT [redacted] SEEMED MORE PREOCCUPIED IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT [redacted] HIMSELF RATHER THAN ANY INFORMATION THAT MIGHT HELP HIS

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IMMIGRATION SITUATION. [redacted] LATER TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED [redacted] WHO ALSO VIEWED [redacted] PREOCCUPATION NOT SO MUCH WITH INFORMATION SURROUNDING HIS VISA STATUS BUT MORE SO WITH PARTICULARS ABOUT [redacted] HIMSELF AND THE HHRC. [redacted] STATED THAT HE COULD NOT HELP BUT WONDER IF [redacted] WAS PERHAPS SOMEHOW CONNECTED WITH THE ASSASSINATION PLOT THAT HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION. IT WAS NOTED THAT INFORMATION RECEIVED ABOUT THE PLOT IDENTIFIED TWO OF THE ASSASSINS AS HAVING THE SURNAME OF [redacted]

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SUBSEQUENT TO THE EFFORTS BY THE FBI TO NOTIFY THE CAPTIONED VICTIMS OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE FBI REGARDING THE ALLEGED ASSASSINATION PLOT, FBIHQ, ON 4/25/96, HELD A CONFERENCE CALL WITH MILWAUKEE AND OTHER DIVISIONS PURSUANT TO INQUIRIES IT HAD RECEIVED FROM CONGRESS ON THE ISSUE OF THREATS/HARASSMENT AGAINST THE HMONG PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY. THIS TELEPHONE MEETING WAS ARRANGED AND ATTENDED BY THEN NS-3D UNIT CHIEF [redacted] AND SSA [redacted] OTHER DIVISIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE CALL INCLUDED INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL FROM DENVER, LOS ANGELES, NEW HAVEN, AND SACRAMENTO. THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE WAS FOR FBIHQ

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TO OBTAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND ASSESSMENT OF THE COMPLAINTS OF THE HMONG AND THUS PREPARE A SUFFICIENT RESPONSE FOR CONGRESS.

IT IS NOTED THAT DENVER DIVISION ADVISED OF ITS PERIODIC CONTACTS WITH THE LEADER OF THE LAOTIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL, [redacted] WHOM DENVER BELIEVED ASSESSED HIS CONTACTS WITH THE FBI AS AN ENHANCEMENT OF HIS IMPORTANCE WITHIN THE HMONG COMMUNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT. DENVER NOTED THAT IT READILY ACCEPTED ANY INFORMATION FORTHCOMING FROM [redacted] [redacted] BUT, SHORT OF SPECIFICS WITH REGARD TO ANY PLOT IN QUESTION OR SPECIFIC IDENTITIES OF ANY SUSPECTS, DENVER HAD BEEN UNABLE TO DO LITTLE SOLID INVESTIGATION OR SURFACE ANY LEGITIMATE CONSPIRACIES AGAINST THE HMONG.

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IT WAS ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED BY PARTICIPANTS OF THIS CALL THAT THERE WAS AN APPARENT INTERNAL STRUGGLE AMONG HMONG LEADERS IN THE UNITED STATES INVOLVING [redacted] AND HIS LAOTIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL, AND THE FAIRLY RECENTLY ESTABLISHED LAO-HMONG AMERICAN COALITION. MOREOVER, ALL PARTICIPANTS ACKNOWLEDGED THE DIFFICULTY IN DEALING WITH THE HMONG AS A RESULT OF THEIR FIRMLY ESTABLISHED DISTRUST FOR THE

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AMERICAN GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE VIETNAM WAR. OBTAINING COOPERATION FROM THE HMONG IN ANY TYPE OF INQUIRY HAD PROVEN TO BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

IN THE FALL OF 1996, [redacted] MOVED FROM COLORADO AND ESTABLISHED NEW RESIDENCE AND HHRC OFFICES IN EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN. FOLLOWING HIS RELOCATION, [redacted] ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH THE MILWAUKEE FBI OFFICE ON MANY OCCASIONS, PROVIDING GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT HIS ORGANIZATION AND ITS DIFFERENCES WITH THAT OF RIVAL HMONG EMIGRE ORGANIZATIONS.

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FOLLOWING RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF VOLUMINOUS INFORMATION PROVIDED BY [redacted] AND AFTER AN INTERVIEW OF A HMONG INDIVIDUAL IN MILWAUKEE IDENTIFIED BY VANG AS ONE HAVING INFORMATION REGARDING [redacted] IN QUESTION, [redacted] WAS FINALLY LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED ON 7/28/97 AND AGAIN ON 9/9/97.

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THIS INDIVIDUAL ADVISED THAT HIS TRUE NAME IS [redacted] [redacted] AND THAT HE WAS BORN ON [redacted] [redacted] DISPLAYED HIS PASSPORT, [redacted] AND A U.S. B-2 VISA, VALID FROM 5/20/94 TO 8/20/94. [redacted] ALSO PRODUCED A VALID WISCONSIN DRIVER'S LICENSE.

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[redacted] ADVISED THAT HE ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES IN JUNE 1994, WITH AN AUTHORIZED PERIOD OF STAY FOR ONE YEAR. HIS FAMILY, CONSISTING OF WIFE [redacted] AND THEIR FIVE CHILDREN, CURRENTLY REMAINS BACK IN LAOS. [redacted] UPON LEAVING LAOS IN 1994, WAS EMPLOYED IN VIENTIANE IN AN ACCOUNTING TYPE POSITION WITH THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT'S MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION. HE FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT, FOLLOWING THE ONSET OF THE COMMUNIST RULE IN LAOS IN 1975, HE TRAVELED TO THE FORMER SOVIET UNION, WHERE HE STUDIED ACCOUNTING AT THE KHARKOV ENGINEERING INSTITUTE FROM 1977 TO 1982. HE RETURNED TO VIENTIANE IN 1982 AND RECEIVED A POSITION WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION, WHERE HE MAINTAINED EMPLOYMENT UP TO THE TIME OF HIS DEPARTURE IN 1994.

[redacted] EXPLAINED THAT IN THE LATE 1980S, HE BECAME INVOLVED IN A POLITICAL MOVEMENT INITIATED BY HIS BOSS, [redacted] WHO ATTEMPTED TO CONVINCE HIGH RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THAT THEIR GOVERNMENT NEEDED TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF MORE THAN JUST ONE POLITICAL PARTY. [redacted] WHO ALSO HELD THE POSITION OF LAOTIAN MINISTER OF THEOLOGY, MET MUCH RESISTANCE WITH HIS

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IDEAS AND WAS ULTIMATELY ARRESTED IN 1990. [redacted] FEARING THAT HE TOO WOULD ONE DAY BE SUDDENLY ARRESTED FOR HIS AFFILIATION WITH HIS BOSS, DECIDED TO FLEE TO THE UNITED STATES AND SEEK ASYLUM. HE HAD DIFFICULTIES, HOWEVER, IN OBTAINING A PASSPORT. HE COMPLAINED TO THE GOVERNMENT THAT HE HAD NOT HAD A VACATION IN OVER 10 YEARS, AND THAT HE WANTED TO VISIT HIS RELATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES. IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE AUTHORITIES REALIZED THAT [redacted] WOULD BE LEAVING HIS FAMILY IN LAOS THAT A PASSPORT WAS SLOWLY FORTHCOMING.

[redacted] PLAN WAS TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES, SEEK AND OBTAIN POLITICAL ASYLUM, AND THEN, UPON EVENTUALLY OBTAINING AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP, RETURN HOME AND RETRIEVE HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN. HE ADVISED THAT, SINCE HIS DEPARTURE FROM LAOS IN 1994, HIS WIFE AND FAMILY HAVE SUBSISTED ON EARNINGS FROM THE SALE OF FISH FROM A POND WHICH SITS AMIDST HIS PROPERTY. HIS WIFE HAS WRITTEN HIM, ADVISING THAT SHE HAS BEEN VISITED ON TWO OCCASIONS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INQUIRING AS TO HER HUSBAND'S INTENTIONS AND EXPECTED DATE OF RETURN. [redacted] STATED THAT HE NOW FEELS ASSURED THAT SHOULD HE RETURN HOME, HE WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY ARRESTED.

[redacted] WAS QUERIED IF HE EVER HAD HAD ANY CONTACT WITH ANY INDIVIDUALS BY THE NAME OF [redacted] WISCONSIN AREA. [redacted] ADVISED THAT ABOUT A COUPLE YEARS AGO, HE APPROACHED AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED [redacted] WHOSE NAME HAD BEEN RECOMMENDED TO HIM AS ONE WHO COULD ASSIST HIM IN A REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM. HE BRIEFLY MET WITH [redacted] AT HIS RESIDENCE [redacted] HOWEVER, [redacted] SIMPLY ADVISED [redacted] TO GIVE HIM A CALL AT A LATER TIME. UPON RECONTACTING [redacted] [redacted] WAS ADVISED THAT [redacted] DID NOT BELIEVE HIS STORY AND COMPLETELY DECLINED FROM OFFERING ANY ASSISTANCE WHATSOEVER. [redacted] STATED HE WAS COMPLETELY SURPRISED BY [redacted] POSITION, PARTICULARLY AFTER WHAT HE HAD HEARD THROUGH FRIENDS ABOUT THE MAN'S WILLINGNESS TO HELP OTHERS. [redacted] ADVISED HE DID NOT QUERY [redacted] AT LENGTH ABOUT ANY MEMBERS OF AN EMIGRE ORGANIZATION, ENDING HIS CONTACT WITH [redacted] WITH THE THOUGHT THAT [redacted] HAD REFUSED HIM ASSISTANCE BECAUSE THEY HAD NOT KNOWN EACH OTHER PREVIOUSLY IN LAOS. FOLLOWING HIS FAILED CONTACT WITH [redacted] SOUGHT OUT AND OBTAINED THE HELP OF A LAWYER IN THE MILWAUKEE AREA, WHO HAS SINCE ASSISTED HIM IN HIS DEALINGS WITH THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

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SERVICE (INS) IN HIS REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM.

[redacted] STATED HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE WHATSOEVER ABOUT A PLAN BY THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT TO HAVE CERTAIN PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES ASSASSINATED. [redacted] EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AND ANGER THAT SOMEONE, WHOM HE BELIEVED TO BE A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE HMONG EMIGRE ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY WOULD HAVE ANY REASON WHATSOEVER TO SUSPECT THAT HE WOULD BE INVOLVED IN ANY SUCH PLAN. [redacted] EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO BE ABLE TO FACE HIS ACCUSER WHO HAD CAST SUCH SUSPICION UPON HIM.

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[redacted] PROVIDED THE FBI A COPY OF A LETTER FROM HIMSELF, DATED 9/18/96, ADDRESSED TO A GENERAL ADERHOLT, WHO IS REFERRED TO BY [redacted] IN THE LETTER AS ONE WHO HAS "WORKED AND HELPED THE HMONG PEOPLE FIGHT IN THE COMMUNISTS DURING THE VIETNAM WAR" AND WHO WOULD "KNOW THE HMONG SITUATION BETTER THAN I CAN DESCRIBE." IN HIS LETTER TO ADERHOLT, [redacted] ADVISED OF HIS CURRENT FEARS OF PERSECUTION AT THE HANDS OF THE LAOTIAN COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT ARISING FROM HIS ASSOCIATION WITH [redacted] FURTHER WENT ON TO ADVISE ADERHOLT OF HOW HE WAS ABLE TO LEAVE LAOS ONLY AFTER HAVING TO LEAVE HIS FAMILY BEHIND, AND OF THE

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SUBSEQUENT VISITS TO HIS HOME BY TWO INDIVIDUALS BELIEVED TO BE COMMUNIST AGENTS INQUIRING AS TO HIS WHEREABOUTS.

[redacted] FURTHER NOTED IN THIS LETTER OF HIS APPLICATION FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM TO THE INS AND OF THE SUBSEQUENT DENIAL HANDED DOWN BY THE IMMIGRATION JUDGE ON 8/22/96. PURSUANT TO HIS FILING OF AN APPEAL OF THE DECISION, [redacted] SOLICITED ADERHOLT'S INTERVENTION WITH THE INS BOARD OF APPEALS IN FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA.

IT IS NOTED THAT, WITH DENIAL OF [redacted] REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM BY THE INS IN ITS ORDER DATED 8/22/96, [redacted] WAS GIVEN UNTIL 11/22/96 TO VOLUNTARILY DEPART THE UNITED STATES. SUBSEQUENT CHECK OF THE RECORDS AT THE MIDWEST REGIONAL INS ADJUDICATION CENTER IN LINCOLN, NEBRASKA DISCLOSED THAT THERE IS NO ASYLUM APPEAL ON RECORD AND THAT [redacted] IF STILL IN THIS COUNTRY, WOULD BE OPEN TO IMMEDIATE DEPORTATION. [redacted] WHO IS UNEMPLOYED, WAS APPRISED OF THIS STATUS, BUT INSISTED THAT HIS LAWYER IN MILWAUKEE HAD INDEED FILED AN APPEAL OF THE DECISION RENDERED BY THE INS JUDGE. [redacted] WAS ADVISED THAT HE COULD BE DEPORTED AT ANY MOMENT, AND CAUTIONED TO IMMEDIATELY RECONTACT HIS LAWYER IN

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MILWAUKEE FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE MATTER.

IT IS NOTED THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED BY [redacted] INCLUDED NOT ONLY A COPY OF HIS COMPLETED INS FORM I-589 (APPLICATION FOR ASYLUM) AND VARIOUS SUPPORTING INFORMATION ATTACHED TO SAME, BUT ALSO A COPY OF THE DECISION BY THE INS JUDGE (CASE #A73725990) DENYING HIS REQUEST AND STIPULATING THE NEED FOR HIM TO LEAVE THE UNITED STATES BY 11/22/96. [redacted] APPEARED SURPRISED THAT THE INS PRESENTLY HAD NO RECORD OF AN APPEAL HAVING BEEN FILED ON HIS BEHALF, AND THAT HIS STATUS WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD ALLOW HIM TO BE IMMEDIATELY DEPORTED.

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IT IS NOTED THAT ALSO INCLUDED AMONG [redacted] PAPERS WAS A COPY OF A MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR [redacted] IDENTIFYING HIM AS A MEMBER OF THE LAO-HMONG AMERICAN COALITION, A RIVAL ORGANIZATION TO THE HMONG HUMAN RIGHTS COALITION.

SUMMARY:

CAPTIONED INVESTIGATION, WHICH WAS COMPLICATED BY LANGUAGE BARRIERS AND INACCURATE SPELLING OF NAMES, HAS DISCLOSED THERE EXISTS A GREAT AMOUNT OF DISTRUST AMONG VARIOUS HMONG EMIGRE ORGANIZATIONS, MOST NOTABLY BETWEEN THE

HMONG HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL, ALSO KNOWN AS THE LAOTIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL, AND THE LAO-HMONG AMERICAN COALITION. REPORTEDLY, THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS ARE VYING FOR RECOGNITION AS THE REPRESENTATIVE ORGANIZATION OF HMONG EMIGRES IN THIS COUNTRY AND ARE SEEKING TO EXERCISE THEIR INFLUENCE WITH THE U.S. CONGRESS IN FUTURE U.S. RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE CURRENT LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT.

IT WOULD APPEAR LIKELY THAT LIYING [redacted] IS INDEED [redacted] REFERENCED TO BY [redacted] b6 b7C [redacted] GIVEN THE MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR [redacted] WITHIN THE LAO-HMONG AMERICAN COALITION, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT [redacted] FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE LOCAL LAOTIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL; HOWEVER, IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT [redacted] HAD ALREADY SOUGHT OUT A LAWYER AND HAD FILED HIS APPLICATION FOR ASYLUM (7/31/95) AT THE TIME OF HIS CONTACT WITH [redacted] WISCONSIN.

[redacted] COMPLETELY DISAVOWED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF, OR BEING PARTY TO, AN ASSASSINATION PLOT ON THE PART OF THE LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT AGAINST SEVERAL PROMINENT HMONG EMIGRES IN THIS COUNTRY. IT IS NOTED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL CALL RECEIVED BY

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[redacted] IN NOVEMBER 1995, WHICH REPRESENTS THE FOUNDATION FOR THIS INVESTIGATION, WAS UNABLE TO BE VERIFIED. GIVEN THE RESULTS OF INSTANT INVESTIGATION, AND THE ONGOING VERBAL ANIMOSITY BETWEEN THE EMIGRE ORGANIZATIONS, IT IS DIFFICULT TO ARRIVE AT A VALUED JUDGMENT AS TO WHAT MAY REPRESENT FACT AND WHAT MAY REPRESENT SIMPLY EFFORTS TO DISCREDIT.

A FULL REPORT OF MILWAUKEE'S INVESTIGATION WILL FOLLOW.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 01/14/1998

To: National Security **Attn:** Unit NS-3D
SSA [redacted]

Denver
Minneapolis
New Haven **Attn:** SA [redacted]
Los Angeles **Attn:** Santa Ana RA
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From: Milwaukee
Squad 5
Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

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[redacted]-VICTIM;
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[redacted]LEE-VICTIM;
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[redacted]VICTIM;
AOT-IT-LAOTIAN ASSASSINATION

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Synopsis: [redacted] identified and interviewed; background info set forth regarding Hmong hostilities in the U.S.

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Reference: 265A-MW-34811 Serial 43.

Administrative: Confidential source mentioned in enclosed LHM is [redacted] Also reference Sacramento airtel and LHM, dated 05/19/1994, captioned "GENERAL VANG PAO, LAO UNITED INDEPENDENT FRONT, AKA THE LAO UNITED INDEPENDENT ARMY; NEUTRALITY MATTER-LAOS; OO: SC", File 2-SC-24052.

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Enclosures: Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies, and for each receiving office two copies, of an LHM, dated and captioned

as above. Also enclosed for each recipient is one copy each of the following:

1. A one-page document, dated 07/22/1994 and entitled simply "MEMORANDUM", apparently drafted by the Thai National Security Council pursuant to a meeting with leaders of the organization known as Hmong National Development, concerning the Council's stance on the Hmong Resistance Movement;

2. A one-page letter, dated 11/11/1995, from the Lao Hmong American Coalition (LHAC) addressed simply to "Friends", regarding the formation of the LHAC. The letter is signed by [redacted] b6 b7C

3. An LHAC membership letter, dated 01/27/1996, enclosing a copy of the organization's Position Paper and its Articles of Incorporation as a non-profit organization within the State of Colorado;

4. A six-page, unauthored report, dated 11/19/1995, identifying numerous individuals as Communist sympathizers and conspirators, and setting forth information regarding drug trafficking of opium by the Laotian Peoples Democratic Republic (LPDR);

5. A three-page letter, dated 01/11/1996, with mailing envelope from Sterling, Virginia, setting forth a list of Communist agents in the U.S. for the LPDR;

6. A four-page report, dated 02/13/1996 and co-authored by [redacted] of St. Paul, Minnesota, and [redacted] Colorado, critical of the LHAC and its misguided allegiance with the LPDR;

7. A two-page letter, dated 02/20/1996, from [redacted] (LHRC), critical of the LHAC; b6 b7C

8. An LHAC, one-page letter, dated 05/14/1996 and addressed to [redacted] and the LHRC, from [redacted] of the Hmong National Development, Inc. (HND);

9. An undated breakdown of LPDR Government officials and LPDR personnel assigned to its Embassy in Washington, D.C.;

10. An LPDR Embassy letter, dated 08/12/1997, seeking recipients to petition U.S. Government authorities to grant Laos Most Favored Nation (MFN) status, as well as acknowledging it's receipt of reports and other information on General Vang Pao and the LHRC;

11. An LPDR Embassy release, dated 09/03/1997, denying any knowledge of a massacre of eight family members in Laos of a Lao-Hmong national residing in Elk Mound, Wisconsin;

12. A Statement from the LPDR Ambassador to the U.S., [redacted] dated 09/03/1997, prepared on behalf of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee, regarding the U.S. Government's consideration of extending MFN status to Laos;

13. A LHAC membership card for [redacted] also known as [redacted]

14. A copy of [redacted] Appeal to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), dated [redacted] of an INS Judge's order denying his request for asylum;

15. A copy of [redacted] Application for Asylum, dated [redacted]

Details: Captioned investigation was predicated upon information received in December, 1995, from Vaughn Vang, a Green Bay, Wisconsin, resident of Hmong ethnic background, who advised that word had been received by a friend of his, Blong Vang, another Green Bay resident of Hmong background, that the Laotian Peoples Democratic Republic (LPDR) planned to send a number of assassins to the U.S. to kill captioned victims. The information was received by [redacted] via an international call [redacted] Vang had contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) after both he and [redacted] had been contacted by a suspicious individual named [redacted] whose contacts with both men caused much concern and whose last name happened to have reportedly matched that of one of the assassins being sent to this country.

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After months of effort to fully identify the [redacted] who had contacted [redacted] who ultimately was discovered to go by the name of [redacted] and [redacted] was finally interviewed in July, 1997, and again in September, 1997. [redacted] who arrived in the U.S. in 1994, advised of his most recent employment with the LPDR's Department of Transportation and of his travel to the U.S. to seek asylum in

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order to escape persecution for political reasons. [redacted] confirmed contact with at least one of the Vangs in Green Bay, and provided documentation explaining his current immigration status in this country. [redacted] denied any knowledge of, or participation in, any plot by the LPDR to assassinate any Hmong leaders in this country. [redacted] most recently, as of September, 1996, filed an appeal with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), requesting review of an earlier INS decision, denying his request for asylum. This appeal has been confirmed through check of INS records and remains outstanding, and, reportedly, may take up to two years before finally being adjudicated.

As noted in the LHM, Bureau records disclosed that the threat of an assassination of one or more prominent Hmong refugees in this country dates back to at least the latter part of 1993. General Vang Pao, perhaps the most prominent Hmong resident in the U.S., did not appear dramatically alarmed when advised of the latest threat, nor did there appear to be in place safeguards consistent with one who has been the target of such alleged activity in the past. It is further noted that the international call received by [redacted] on 11/15/1995 announcing the plot was not able to be verified by AT&T, due in part to the call having been direct-dialed in lieu of having been made as a collect call.

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As the investigation progressed, additional information began to surface revealing often heated dissention among the ranks of Hmong emigre groups in this country. In October, 1996, Milwaukee began receiving frequent calls from [redacted] and the LHRC were formerly located in the Denver, Colorado, area but relocated to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, in approximately August/ September, 1996. [redacted] was very intent on providing the FBI with numerous documents, some authored and some anonymous, addressing a myriad of issues which he believed would be most helpful to the FBI in understanding the issues facing the Hmong today. What became clear from review of the documentation provided by [redacted] was that [redacted] and the LHRC are strong supporters of General Vang Pao, and that the LHRC has consistently expressed reservations about the bona fides and intentions of other Hmong organizations in the U.S., frequently casting suspicion on a number of the members of the organizations as being sympathizers/collaborators with the LPDR. [redacted] and his LHRC, in questioning the bona fides of such organizations, appeared to accuse these individuals of: 1) being in favor of forced repatriation of the Hmong to their homeland in Laos; 2) secretly

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meeting with members of the LPDR Government and Embassy officials, reporting on Hmong people in the U.S. and their human rights activities; 3) diligently working for Most Favored Nation (MFN) status for Laos and expanded economic activity between Laos and the U.S. It was clear that [redacted] had his sources throughout the U.S., providing him updated information on the activities of these other organizations and their membership.

[redacted] and the LHRC, in turn, have frequently been chastised for casting aspersions on the good intentions of other Hmong throughout the U.S. Some have patiently attempted to point out [redacted] gross misinterpretations or exaggerations, while others have openly, and at times rather crudely, suggested that the Hmong community as a whole would be far better off without [redacted] and the caustic friction he precipitates within the community. b6 b7C

The enclosed documents have been culled from the many papers, articles, letters, and reports forthcoming from [redacted]. These have been disseminated to receiving offices because of their content, revealing: background information on some of the emigre organizations; identification of some of the prominent officials of the groups; points of dispute between the organizations; and identification of some of the accusations levied by the various groups. It is noted that enclosure #7 was not provided by [redacted] but was forthcoming from Thai Lee, who sat in on the second interview of [redacted] on 09/09/1997. b6 b7C

SUMMARY

Referenced Sacramento communications have been cited as a source of background information on General Vang Pao, as well the fact they detail the 1993 disappearance of a close and prominent associate of Vang Pao, [redacted] who had returned to Laos in 1990/1991 to help coordinate a peaceful and effective repatriation of Hmong refugees. b6 b7C

In assessing the threat that precipitated the current inquiry, it was difficult to independently pursue the investigation without constantly encountering the most definite, and often passionate, disharmony that existed within the Hmong community in this country. In looking at the threat itself, which centered on identifying, locating, and interviewing [redacted] [redacted] it would appear [redacted] was indeed the individual who had contacted the Vangs in Green Bay which aroused so much concern. It is noted that [redacted] when interviewed, advised of b6 b7C

contact with only one of the [redacted] in Green Bay, and that included among the documentation that he volunteered was a membership card in the rival LHAC organization (Enc. #13). Moreover, it should also be noted that at the time of his admitted solicitation for Vang's help with his immigration status (December, 1995), [redacted] had already engaged the services of a local attorney in pursuing his claim for asylum.

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[redacted] On the other hand, the identifying information provided Vang about himself appeared accurate. [redacted] story as to why he left Laos to come to this country appeared consistent with the documentation filed with his immigration papers. [redacted] appeared patient and cooperative during both interviews, but equally expressed disgust and resentment that, because of his background, he would automatically be characterized as an assassin. The family members with whom [redacted] resided were quite courteous and helpful, although it was never resolved as to why [redacted] had asserted that [redacted] was working at a local restaurant when in fact the man was then present in the upstairs address. Language was certainly a problem during the interviews, with [redacted] acting as an interpreter as needed at the first meeting, and [redacted] an apparent friend of the Vang family, filling the same role during the latter interview.

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Regarding the organizational conflicts among the Hmong in the U.S., [redacted] in its support for General Vang Pao, has questioned the legitimacy of the HND and its role in repatriation efforts involving the Thai Government and Laos. It has taken issue with the formation of the LHAC in July, 1995, characterizing a number of its leaders as Communist sympathizers. Most prominent among these officials is a [redacted] of Minnesota, who reportedly is "the" controlling influence of the LHAC and who has been prominently mentioned by the LPDR Embassy as an apparent close supporter in the Embassy's efforts to stay abreast of its detractors.

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Adding to the friction is the apparent assertive role being taken by the LPDR Government, as evidenced by its Embassy's letter dated 08/12/1997 (Enc. #10), in which it appears quite clear that the Embassy maintains an informant network well at work in the U.S. which is continually tasked to provide information regarding General Vang Pao and his supporters. With the Embassy's request for letters of support for MFN status, it closes with the straightforward promise of rewarding those who support it and "will punish those who oppose us."

ASSESSMENT

Milwaukee notes that the overwhelming majority of the information it has received concerning the Hmong has been forthcoming from [redacted] and ardent supporter of General Vang Pao. The credibility of certain enclosed documentation should be viewed with the source in mind. (Note: All block/date stamps and other markings, including underlining, was present on a document at the time of its receipt.) Milwaukee's comments/assessment, as set forth in this EC, have been based on the presumption that the documents are bona fide.

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In view of the documented hostilities among the various emigre groups, and the rather direct position taken by the LPDR Embassy as late as August, 1997, it would appear clearly indeed possible that the LPDR might go to the length of effecting an assassination of Vang Pao and others. In so doing, it might easily attempt to deflect suspicion from itself by highlighting the documented emotional turmoil ongoing within the Hmong community, and that any efforts to target responsibility should be pursued in that direction.

At present, it appears difficult to arrive at a valued judgement on the captioned threat as to what may represent fact and what may represent simply efforts to discredit.

Descriptive Data:

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Subject
Name -

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To: National Security From: Milwaukee
Re: 265A-MW-34118, 01/14/1998

Last:	PAO
First:	VANG
Middle:	
DDN:	GENERAL
Race:	U
Sex:	U
Address -	
House #:	9302
Street Name:	England
Street Suffix:	Ave
City:	Westminster
State:	CA
Postal Code:	92683
Phone:	714-379-0575

Reference

Name -	LAO HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL, INC.
Address -	
House #:	P.O. BOX 1606
City:	Eau Claire
State:	WI
Postal Code:	54702

Reference

Name -	HMONG NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, INC.
Address -	
House #:	1326
Street Name:	18th
Street Suffix:	St
Post Direction:	NW
City:	Washington
State:	DC
Postal Code:	20036
Phone:	202-463-2118

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Name -	
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City:
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Reference
Name - LAO-HMONG AMERICAN COALITION
Address -
House #: P.O. Box 1053
City: Westminster
State: CO
Postal Code: 80030
Phone: 303-429-8724

Reference
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Last:
First:
Middle:
DDN:

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Race: U
Sex: U

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Street Name:
Street Suffix:
Post Direction:
City:
State:
Postal Code:
Miscellaneous: Embassy of the Laotian Peoples Democratic Republic

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Milwaukee, WI 53202-6627

January 14, 1998

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (4);
GENERAL VANG PAO-VICTIM;
[redacted]-VICTIM;
[redacted]-VICTIM;
[redacted]-VICTIM;
[redacted]-VICTIM;
[redacted]-VICTIM;
ACT OF TERRORISM;
INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM-LAOTIAN-ASSASSINATION

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Predication

Captioned investigation was predicated upon information received [redacted]

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

On 1/2/96, FBI Agents contacted General Vang Pao at his residence, 9302 England Avenue, Westminster, California. Vang Pao indicated he was vaguely aware of the captioned threat and that he was taking necessary precautions, including wearing a bulletproof vest. Vang Pao stated he was in daily contact with and that he would relay the warning to him immediately. Vang Pao appeared to already be aware of the specific information regarding the number and last names of the potential assassins. Despite this knowledge, on arriving at Van Pao's residence, it was observed that no security measures appeared to be in place. The garage door and its inner door into the residence were open, allowing complete and easy access to the home. The General was sleeping upstairs at the time of the visit, was not wearing a protective vest, nor did he have any bodyguards present. The only other individuals present were his wife, two other adult Hmong females, two children, and Vang Pao's younger teenage son.

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Vang Pao could provide no additional information regarding the assassination threat, except to state that he was constantly under threat from the Laotian Government due to his past efforts in wartime against them and because of his current activities on behalf of democracy and human rights for the Laotian people. Vang Pao and his family reside at the end of a cul-de-sac and across the street from a public park.

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Vang Pao furnished contact numbers

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FBI RECORDS CHECK

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FBI records reveal that the rumored threat against General Vang Pao and others has been circulating since late, 1993. On 11/22/93, [redacted]

In 12/93, General Vang Pao advised the FBI that documents had been recovered by his agents which sustained the existence of a plan to destroy him and the Hmong. Pao was asked to furnish specific details in support of this allegation that the Laotian Government was directly supporting anti-Hmong activities. Pao responded that a document, obtained from the capital office in Laos, confirmed that secret planning had taken place to target the Hmong; however, the noted documents were not available.

In 1/94, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the source and [redacted]

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Investigation

Contact was established with American Telephone & Telegraph in an attempt to verify the call received by [redacted]

on 11/15/95 advising of the assassination plot. [redacted] advised that, following a thorough search of their [redacted] it was unable to locate such a call. According to [redacted] inasmuch as the call was a direct dial, they were unable to locate a record for same. b7D

In mid-December, 1995, checks with the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles and of the local Ameritech White Pages for the Greater Milwaukee Area disclosed no record for a [redacted] at the [redacted] address in [redacted] Moreover, surveillance of vehicles observed at the [redacted] residence on [redacted] failed to uncover any vehicles listed to an individual named [redacted] b6 b7C

On 1/11/96, a check of the records of the Milwaukee office of the U.S. INS office determined there was no INS record for any individual named [redacted] or [redacted] born [redacted]

On 4/10/96, the Denver office of the FBI was contacted by [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

GENERAL VANG PAO-VICTIM; ET AL

Prosecutive Declination

On 1/13/98, Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, [redacted] declined any federal prosecution with regard to captioned investigation. b6 b7C

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MEMORANDUM

With reference to the HMONG NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP meeting on 22nd July 1994, held at the Marriott Suite Washington - Dulles Hotel, the USA. The delegations from Thai National Security Council would like to inform of the Policies concerning Hmong Resistance Movements along the Thai-Laos border as follow :-

The policies of Thai government on the Resistance Movements.

1. There will be no more movements of any resistance groups overt or covert in Thai territory or along Thai - Laos border.

2. If there still remain in operations, the Thai government will use strict and decisive measures including the international legal measure to apply to these groups.

3. UNHCR will be a body responsible and provide assistance in various ways under the consents and supervision of the Laos' government.

4. Thai government will not interfere in Laos' internal problems but will provide cooperation in accordance with the United Nations' Charter since there still remain Laos refugees and Laos displaced persons in Thailand.

5. Under the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) of 15 July 1993 at Sawanakhet, the highland Laos and lowland Laos will be repatriated to their home land.

From the above policies of the Thai Government, Thai National Security Council (NSC) has remarks and suggestions for the National United Laos Liberation Front (NULLF) and all the Hmong freedom fighters as follow :-

1. In view of the development in the south east Asia region, it has become apparent that the armed struggle that Hmong freedom Fighters have been conducting in Laos to liberate Laos from the sociallists regime should come to and end.

2. There is, however, human rights abuses and oppression that the people of Laos still suffer.

3. For the sake of peace and progress in the region, the NULLF should agree that struggle for the rights of the Laos' people should continue through the peaceful means.

4. Thailand suggests the NULLF and all freedom fighters announce the end of their Armed Struggle in Laos and along the Thai-Laos border from now on.

5. The NULLF and all freedom fighters cease their military operations inside and outside of Laos, their fund collection within and outside the United States of America, transport of any kind of arms and military supplies by land, air or sea to Laos.

6. Thailand suggests the NULLF and all the freedom fighters in and out of Laos should lay down their arms and seek ways to obtain freedom by peaceful means.

7. The NULLF should urge the government of Laos and their neighboring countries to gram full amnesty to the Freedom fighters and allow those with residence in USA, Australia, France and Canada to return to the countries of their residence safely.

: 22 July 1994

	HMD	Thai delegates	Observers
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[redacted]vember 11, 1995

Lao-Hmong American Coalition
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Westminster, CO 80030
(303) 429-8724

Dear Friends,

As a result of our FIRST "Laotian Recognition Day," tribute, held in Golden, Colorado, on July 22nd, 1995, the Lao-Hmong American Coalition was established. This Coalition was formed on September 16th, 1995 in Golden, Colorado, USA. With the establishment of this Coalition, we wish to extend our appreciation to all Laotian people (Lao, Hmong, Lue, Khmu, Mien, Thaidam and other ethnic groups), organizations and individuals locally and nationally, especially those who supported the July 22nd, 1995 historical event

The Lao-Hmong American Coalition was formed jointly between the Laotian and American nationalities to address the vital issues that profoundly affect all the Laotian people (Lao, Hmong, Lue, Khmu, Mien, Thaidam and other ethnic groups). This Coalition received its nonprofit incorporation status on October 03, 1995 All organizations, support groups, and individuals, are encouraged to participate in improving the life standards of the Laotian people in the United States and overseas.

On behalf of the Lao Hmong American Coalition, we would like to welcome everyone to join and to become a part of this Coalition Official membership in the Coalition provides advantageous benefits and opportunities along with *"the right to vote, the right to voice, and the right to influence through democratic process."*

Individuals who wish to join the Lao-Hmong American Coalition may contact our Coalition directly or submit the **Membership Form** attached as soon as possible. Once your membership form is received, your membership card will be issued to you promptly.

The logo (the design of hands and maps) that currently appears on the top of this letter is a temporary design The Coalition is asking members of the Lao-Hmong community in America to submit artistic designs for the permanent logo that will represent the Lao-Hmong American Coalition. All artwork must be submitted no later than January 15, 1996, and will become the property of the Lao-Hmong American Coalition. The interim committee will make the selection. The winning artist will be notified by January 30, 1996 A certificate of recognition and a lifetime membership will be awarded to the winning artist.

The members of the "Lao-Hmong American Coalition" look forward to your continued support and active involvement as we strive forward in our mutual endeavors on behalf of the Laotian people as a whole.

Sincerely,

Yang Chee
President

William F. Bilodeaux
Executive Vice President

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Lao-Hmong American Coalition
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January 27, 1996

Dear Members:

Enclosed are two official (final) documents of the Lao-Hmong American Coalition. The documents were completed by the Interim Executive Committee.

(1) The "Preamble," Official Document, January 27, 1996
(2) The "Position Paper," Official Document, January 27, 1996

We wish to emphasize that the official documents supersede (replace) all previous drafts. The Committee recommends that preexisting drafts be destroyed. There will be no further revisions to the official (final) documents until such time the Executive Committee deems necessary.

The address at the top of this page will be used for all correspondence pertaining to these documents.

Sincerely,

Yang Chee
President

William F. Bilodeaux
Executive Vice President

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Lao-Hmong American Coalition
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Official Document
January 27, 1996

POSITION PAPER

The *Lao-Hmong American Coalition* consists of members from the American and Lao-Hmong communities. *The Coalition* is in favor of promoting ethnic unity, and respecting individual religious and cultural differences among all Laotian Peoples (Lao, Hmong, Mien, Khmu, Lue, Thai Dam, and other Laotian ethnic minorities).

- *It is the position of The Coalition* that interference in the internal affairs of the Laotian People's Democratic Republic (LPDR) is undesirable.

- *It is the position of The Coalition* that supporting armed insurrection against the internationally recognized Laotian Peoples Democratic Republic (LPDR) is potentially harmful and precarious to the Lao-Hmong people.

- *It is the position of The Coalition*, in cooperation with the United States government and the Laotian Peoples Democratic Republic (LPDR), to sponsor and promote diplomatic and economic efforts through peaceful means to ensure that the basic human rights of the Laotian Peoples are not ignored.

- *It is the position of The Coalition* that American citizenship for the Laotian Peoples in America is conducive to the interest of the Laotian Peoples as a whole.

- *The Coalition is profoundly interested in developing* awareness of the issues concerning Lao-Hmong refugees and repatriates worldwide.

- *The Coalition will educate* the general public as to the historical contributions and multi-cultural diversity of the Laotian Peoples. The goal is to promote mutual understanding and ethnic unity among cultures.

- *The Coalition will promote* educational opportunities and cultural exchange programs for the Lao-Hmong people.

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NONPROFIT

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
LAO HMONG AMERICAN COALITION, INCORPORATED
(Respresenting the Laotian Peoples)

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of twenty-one years or more, acting as incorporators of a corporation under the Colorado Nonprofit Corporation Act, execute the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation is Lao Hmong American Coalition, Incorporated.

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SECRETARY OF STATE
10-03-95 11:40

ARTICLE II

The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III

The Corporation is organized for the following purposes;

1. The nature, objectives and purposes of this Corporation shall be to foster, develop and encourage the cultural development of the Laotian and Hmong peoples within the State of Colorado and to further international understanding of the Lao Hmong within the world community and as they relate as a culture to the U.S. government.

2. To perform all other acts necessary or incidental to these purposes and to do whatever is deemed necessary, useful, advisable or conducive, directly or indirectly, to carry out any of the purposes of the Corporation, as set forth in these Articles of Incorporation, including the exercise of all other power and authority enjoyed by corporations by virtue of the provisions of the Colorado Nonprofit Corporation Act subject to the limitations of Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE IV

The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for public, charitable, or educational purposes. In furtherance of such purposes, it may promote, establish, conduct, and maintain activities on its own behalf or it may contribute to or otherwise assist other corporations, organizations, and institutions carrying on such activities or any thereof; and for such purposes, it may solicit and receive funds and other property, real, personal, and mixed, and interests therein, by gift, transfer, devise, or bequest, and invest, re-invest, hold, manage administer, expend, and apply such funds and property, subject to such conditions and limitations, if any, as may be expressed in any instrument evidencing such gift, transfer, devise or bequest.

No part of the income or principal of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to any member, or officer of the corporation or any other private individual, but reimbursement for expenditures or the payment of reasonable compensation for services rendered shall not be deemed to be a distribution of income or principal.

ARTICLE IV-A

If, for any reason, it becomes necessary to dissolve this corporation: a. the assets held by the corporation in trust for specified purposes shall be applied so far as is feasible in accordance with the terms of the

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the purposes stated in these articles of incorporation; c. in the event and to the extent that, in the judgment of the officers, it is not feasible to apply the assets as provided in the foregoing clauses a and b, the assets shall be applied to and for the use of such corporation or foundation organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes and qualified for tax exemption from Federal income tax under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE V

The members of this corporation shall be any individuals

ARTICLE VI

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation 7051 Beacon Way, Westminster, Colorado 80030 and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is Chee Yang.

ARTICLE VII

The management of this corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors as now constituted or as hereafter elected according to the By-laws and according to the By-laws there are to be the following officers: Corporate President, three Vice Presidents, three Corporate Secretaries, and two Corporate Treasurers of the corporation together with any assistants thereto deemed advisable or convenient to the administration of the corporation's affairs. Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall have been chosen qualified in their stead or according to the By-laws.

ARTICLE VIII

The number of Officers constituting the initial executive committee shall be four (4) and the names and addresses of the persons who constitute the initial Officers until their successors are elected and qualify are:

NAME	ADDRESS
Chee Yang, President & CEO	7051 Beacon Way Westminster, CO 80030 (303) 429-8724
William Bilodeaux, Executive Vice President	8806 West Clifton Littleton, CO 80123 (303) 933-0267
Song Kao Thao, Vice President	492 West 69th Drive Westminster, CO 80030 (303) 428-7902
Boualoy Mouanghane, Vice President	6221 West 112th Westminster, CO 80030 (303) 465-3849
Christine Cook, Secretary General	7981 South Webster Way Littleton, CO 80123 (303) 973-4467

Dennis McCormack, Secretary	P.O. Box 10499 Colorado Springs, CO 80932 (719) 596-0558
Yeh Lo, Secretary	4551 West 69th Drive Westminster, CO 80030 (303) 428-6408
Teng Hur, Treasurer	8171 West 93rd Circle Westminster, CO 80030 (303) 940-0872
Tou Na Yang, Treasurer	7000 Beacon Way Westminster, CO 80030 (303) 430-4482

ARTICLE IX

Except as otherwise provided in C.R.S. 7-22-101, an officer shall not be liable to the corporation or its members for monetary damages for breach of the officer's fiduciary duty. The corporation shall indemnify any officer or former officer of the Corporation, or any person who may have served at its request as a officer of another corporation, as set forth in the bylaws. In no case, however, shall the Corporation indemnify or reimburse any person for any federal excise taxes imposed on such individual under Chapter

42 of the Internal Revenue Code. Further, if at any time or times the Corporation is a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509 of the Internal Revenue Code, then, during such time or times, no payment shall be made under this Article if such payment would constitute an act of self-dealing (as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code), or a taxable expenditure (as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code).

ARTICLE X

At all times, and notwithstanding any merger, consolidation, reorganization, termination, dissolution, or winding up of the Corporation, voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, or any other provisions hereof;

1. The Corporation shall not possess or exercise any power or authority, whether expressly, by interpretation, or by operation of law, that will or might prevent it at any time from qualifying and continuing to qualify as a corporation described in Section 501 (c) of the Code, contributions to which are deductible for federal income tax purposes; nor shall the corporation engage directly or indirectly in any activity that might cause the loss of such qualification under Section 501 (c) of the Code.

2. No part of the assets or net earnings of the Corporation shall ever be used, nor shall the Corporation ever be organized or operated, for purposes that are not exclusively charitable or educational within the meaning of Section 501(c) of the Code.

3. The Corporation shall never be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit.

4. No substantial part, and, during such time or times that the Corporation is a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509 of the Code, no part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of attempting to influence legislation (including action by Congress, any state legislature, any local council or similar governing body, or the public in referendum, initiative, constitutional amendment, or similar procedure) through propaganda or otherwise (including contacting, or urging the public to contact, members of a legislative body for the purpose of propaganda, supporting, or opposing legislation, or advocating the adoption or rejection of legislation). Nor shall the Corporation, directly or indirectly, participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

5. At no time shall the Corporation engage in any activities that are unlawful under the laws of the United States, Colorado, or any other jurisdiction where its activities are carried on.

6. No solicitation of contributions to the Corporation shall be made, and no gift, bequest, or devise to the Corporation shall be accepted, upon any condition or limitation that in the opinion of the Corporation may cause the Corporation to lose its federal income tax exemption.

7. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, if at any time or times the Corporation is a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509 (c)(3) of the Code, then during such time or times;

a. The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as note to subject the Corporation to tax under Section 4942 of the Code;

b. The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing, as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code;

c. The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings, as defined in Section 4943(c) of the

Code;

d. The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject the Corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Code; and

e. The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4045(d) of the Code.

The private property of the officers of the Corporation shall not be subject to payment of corporate debts to any extent whatever.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments to these articles shall be made as provided for in the bylaws of the corporation.

The names and address of the incorporators are:

NAME	*ADDRESS*
Chee Yang, President	*7051 Beacon Way* *Westminster CO 80030*

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned incorporator have hereunto subscribed their hands this 02 *day of* October, *1995.*

Chee Yang

Chee Yang, President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd *day of* October, *1995.*

My Commission Expires: Oct 25, 1998

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Statements of Lao Human Rights Council, Inc., in the United States

Thank you so much to many of you and your friends in the Lao and Hmong American communities in Wisconsin, Minnesota, California and other states, who have been calling me and asking me questions concerning the Lao Veterans Tribute of July 22, 1995, in Golden, Colorado, and the meeting of September 16, 1995, in the Denver area which formed the "Lao-Hmong American Coalition, Inc." Most of your questions were about the objectives and practices of the Lao-Hmong American Coalition and the Lao Veteran Tribute of July 22, 1995.

Honestly, I want to declare to you Hmong and Lao people in the United States and refugees in Thailand that General Vang Pao and his supporters and I did not join the Lao-Hmong American Coalition. This is because I believe that this Coalition will repeat the actions which created "crisis, disasters and division" for Hmong and Lao refugees in Thailand, returnees in Laos, and Hmong and Lao American communities in the United States, as the Hmong/Highlander Development Fund, Inc., Refugees International and the Hmong National Development, Inc., have been doing since 1991.

The "position paper" of the Lao-Hmong American Coalition, Inc., declares that "The Council (Coalition) is in favor of improved relations with Laos. It is the intent of this Council (Coalition) to lobby the United States government to strengthen diplomatic and economic ties with the Lao People's Democratic Republic (LPDR)." From this statement, it is clear that the Coalition intends to lobby the U.S. government to improve diplomatic relations and to provide foreign assistance to the Communist Lao government. The Communist Lao government has demanded that the Thai government and the U.S. government return all Hmong and Lao refugees in Thailand to Laos before there can be improved diplomatic relations between the Communist Lao government and the Thai and U.S. governments. In the past 20 years, the Communist Lao government killed the king, queen and more than 300,000 people of Laos. Most victims were Hmong people. The Communist Lao government is a violator of human rights. It is an opium dealer in Laos. In the past five years, the U.S. government granted about $8.7 million to the Communist government in Laos to stop the production of opium. However, the Communist Lao government has spent the money to increase the production of opium for government revenue. This government also uses the American money to finance Communist soldiers to massacre many thousands of Hmong and Lao people in the countryside in Laos. As a result, it is wrong for the U.S. government to provide economic and foreign aid to the Lao Communist government to oppress the people of Laos. It is wrong to support the corrupt, Communist government in Laos.

Mr. Vue Mai, Chairman of the Vinai Camp, Thailand, returned to Laos on November 10, 1992, because of the influence of the officials of the UNHCR, Thai government, U.S. Embassy,

State Department, Refugees International, Inc., Hmong/Highlander Development Fund, Inc., and many other radical groups and individuals in 1991. On September 11, 1993, the Communist Lao government arrested Vue Mai in Vientiane, Laos. Many reports said that the Communist authorities tortured and killed Vue Mai after his arrest. The use of Vue Mai and the intent to improve diplomatic relations with the Communist Lao government caused Vue Mai's disappearance and the forced repatriation of more than 12,000 Hmong refugees from Thailand to Laos since 1991.

The meeting between the three Thai officials of the National Security Council (NSC) and representatives, Board of Directors and supporters of the Hmong National Development, Inc., on July 22, 1994, in Herndon, Virginia, Washington, D.C. area, was one of the events resulting in the UNHCR and Thai government's arrest and imprisonment of six leaders of the Hmong and Lao refugees in the Napho Camp, Thailand, on September 19, 1994. The six leaders arrested and imprisoned are: (1) Tong Xee Yang, (2) Xay Houa Yang, (3) Blia Thai Xiong, (4) Fai Yee Xiong, (5) Vang Bee and (6) Khampham. Now, these six individuals are imprisoned in Sikhiu Jail, Nakhon Ratchsima Province, Thailand. About 1,000 Hmong refugees, including men, women and children, are in the concentration camp in Sikhiu too. They are hungry to the point of starvation. They have cried out for help from General Vang Pao and the Lao Human Rights Council, Inc. (statements of Yang Kou, Kia Tou Thao, and Wa Cha Xiong).

The Lao Human Rights Council, Inc., and many members of the Congress of the United States have been working hard to ask the Thai government and the UNHCR to release the above innocent people from prison in Sikhiu, Thailand. Forced repatriation should be stopped. About 4,000 - 6,000 Hmong refugees in Thailand will be interviewed for resettlement in the United States in 1996. On February 9, 1996, Senator Rod Grams of Minnesota sent a letter to Hiem Phommachanh, Lao Communist Ambassador in Washington, D.C., to forward to the government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (LPDR) in Vientiane, Laos, regarding the problems of Hmong refugees in Thailand. The letter said, "The United States and Thailand are currently negotiating a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that will allow U.S. officials to have access to Thai refugee camps for the purpose of resettling Hmong refugees in America. The Congress of the United States strongly supports the resettlement of Hmong refugees." As a result, I hope that many Hmong and Lao refugees in Thailand will have the opportunity to resettle in the United States in the near future.

The Lao-Hmong American Coalition, Inc., only "represents" itself and its members. It should not claim to represent all Hmong and Lao people around the world. Many people agree that 99 percent of the Lao and Hmong people in the United States and Thailand oppose the policies of the Lao-Hmong American Coalition because it intends to work with/for the Lao People's Democratic Republic (LPDR).

Dr. Vang Pobzeb
Chairman
Lao Human Rights Council, Inc.,
in the United States

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Dear [redacted]

My name is [redacted]

On behalf of the Board of HND, I write this letter in response to your many FALSE AND MALICIOUS ACCUSATIONS made by you against HND for the following:

1. Your letter of petition to U.S. Congress dated May 27, 1995, falsely accused HND in of supporting Hmong refugee repatriation program.

2. Your false accusation of HND in cooperating with Thai government and UNHCR to arrest six Hmong leaders on September 19, 1994 in the refugee camp;

3. Your letter of February 20, 1996 also made a false accusation of HND in creating "crisis, disasters, and division among the Hmong community in Thailand and the United States."

Furthermore, I want to reiterate the history of HND and its mission statement. HND's planning process started in 1987 by Lao Family Community of Fresno, and its purpose was to promote education opportunities, economic self-sufficiency, and networking among the Hmong community across the United States. HND came about as an organization in 1993 after many years of local, regional, and national planning regarding the needs and problems faced by the Hmong communities. A working committee consisted of Hmong representatives from many regions of the country who did extensive studies into our Hmong living conditions, social adjustment, and resettlement needs.

HND's first planning conference was held in Atlanta, Georgia on August 6-8, 1988. According to our list of the participants, you were one of the planning members, therefore, you must be very aware of HND objectives and its goals. We are not a political organization and do not support any particular political parties. We strongly urge that before making these barbaric accusation, you must get the true facts.

We, the Board of Directors, advise you to cease these false accusations immediately before further legal action will be taken. We believe that through collaboration and mutual understanding that we may reach an understanding and appreciation of one another.

I look forward to hearing from you and conversing with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

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Chairman and President of HND

CC: Board of Directors
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September 3, 1997

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HUMAN RIGHTS CHARGES QUESTIONED

While the U.S. Congress is considering most favored nation (MFN) status for Laos, a few members of Lao-Hmong community living in the United States are actively trying to stop a favorable decision. They are raising inaccurate charges of human rights abuses by the Lao Government against Lao-Hmong, citizens of Laos. The details on this accusation are confusing and incomplete.

The allegation of Mr. Youa Lor Yang, a Lao-Hmong living in Elk Mound, Wisconsin, is that eight of his family members were massacred by Lao soldiers on January 16th of this year in "Muong Ou, Muong Cha area of Xieng Khoang Province". The circumstances and motive surrounding this allegation have not been provided. Why would Lao soldiers kill women and children? Who would gain from committing such a horrendous crime? who were the witnesses? Further, according to the National Office of Statistics, Muong Ou does not exist in Xieng Khoang Province. Besides, Muong Cha is located in Saysomboun Special Area.

The Lao Government has nothing to gain and much to lose by permitting such actions to occur. The Lao people, including the Hmong, have much to gain by adhering to internationally recognized norms of civil behavior. The current situation is far different from years during the war when a certain number of Hmong people were sworn opponents of those now leading the Lao Government. Today, the Lao Government is actively working to improve the living conditions of all the diverse Lao people.

Article 6 of the Lao Constitution specifically ensures the well-being and security of all Lao people, regardless of ethnicity. Within Laos, ethnic minorities comprise 49% of the population. Government policy and its implementation seek to foster and protect each ethnic group's cultural identity, while promoting national unity, peace and prosperity for all. To do otherwise is illogical and unwise. Thus, for the Lao Government to purposely provoke disunity and discord -- as the accusation suggests -- runs counter to our national law, policy and common sense.

Significantly, the Lao Ministry of Social Welfare and Labor, charged with helping Hmong refugees resettle in their homeland, has received no reports of such an incident. Even the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has received no information on such an incident. Nevertheless, the Lao Government is asking Muong Cha authorities to investigate whether or not such an incident occurred. Again, without knowing a precise location and other specifics, such as those involved and motivation, it is difficult to conduct a serious investigation. A judicious person can understand this logic.

The Lao Government would like to assure all concerned about human rights and justice in Laos that to the best of our knowledge this incident did not occur. Further, the Lao Government will continue to investigate this charge and, if indeed it is found that the incident occurred, those responsible will be held accountable as required by law.

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September 3, 1997

Statement of

Ambassador Hiem PHOMMACHANH
Ambassador of the Lao People's Democratic Republic
to the United States of America, Canada and Mexico

On behalf of the Government and the people of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Laos), I would like to express appreciation at being given the opportunity to submit comments to the U.S. Senate Finance Committee regarding the extension of unconditional Most-Favored-Nation (MFN) status to Laos. We applaud the efforts of the United States to actively engage a relationship with Laos on a political and trade related basis. We are a nation that has struggled many years as one of the world's poorest countries, but a nation that is proud of its accomplishments and its plans for further achievements in the near future.

Laos has set on a course to become a member of the international community. Our commitment to reaching our reform goals is evidenced by the recent enactment of our Constitution, establishing a New Economic Mechanism, developing, approving and implementing socioeconomic plans, updating our systems and bringing them into conformity with requirements to join the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and in actively negotiating with the United States to establish an agreement on trade based on the principle of reciprocal MFN trading status and signing the first southeast Asian bilateral investment treaty with the U.S.

Domestically, we have undertaken reforms and changes to move toward a market-oriented society, to an educated populace, to an empowered citizenry, and to elevate the economic status of all Lao. Article six of our Constitution ensures the well-being and security of all its people, regardless of ethnicity. Approximately 49% of the Lao population is made up of about 68 ethnic minorities. We have embraced our differences. In order to move forward as a country and create national unity, it is incumbent upon the Government of Laos to fully appreciate, respect and incorporate the varying ethnic groups. Government policies and practices are working to foster each ethnic group's cultural integrity. The Lao Government is committed to actively engaging all sectors of our society in economic reform to bring Laos into the global trading environment.

Internationally, Laos has just become a member of the ASEAN, Association of South East Asia Nations. Our membership in ASEAN signified the recognition by our neighboring countries of the resolution of Laos to elevate its people and work toward full participation in the world economy. To join ASEAN, we had to undertake several reforms and we are committed to taking further reforms to earn the right to participate on a level field with other trading partners.

On a bilateral basis, we have sought a strong economic relationship with the United States. Our most recent achievement with the United States was the conclusion of a bilateral trade agreement granting reciprocal most favored nation status and guaranteeing intellectual property rights protection and a bilateral investment treaty. Laos is the first country in Asia to sign a bilateral investment treaty with the United States. The General Counsel for the U.S. Trade Representative Susan Esserman stated the "These agreements form a solid basis for establishing trade and investment relations between the United States and Laos...They will expand opportunities for U.S. companies wishing to do business in Laos, and send an important signal of Laos' efforts to integrate into the world economy." We are prepared to finalize the trade agreement as soon as the U.S. Congress passes legislation extending MFN status to products of Laos.

In addition, Laos has offered unparalleled cooperation with the U.S. to solve the POW/MIA and narcotics issues. We have worked with the U.S. to stymie drug trafficking through and in Laos. Our country is often used as a conduit for drug traffickers in some neighboring countries. However, with the cooperation of the U.S., friendly countries and U.N. organizations, we are providing alternative economic incentives to our people, thus discouraging and eliminating participation by the Lao people in the growth and transit of illegal drugs.

We have also offered significant cooperation with the National League of Families (NLF). In a July 24 letter from Ann Mills Griffiths, Executive Director of the NLF, to Representative Randy Cunningham, she praised the efforts of Laos to work with her group and argued that Laos has been a big help in locating the loved ones of American families lost during the Vietnam war on our land. Ms. Mills Griffiths supports MFN for Laos.

Laos has also addressed the concerns of many non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the area of environment. Some NGOs raised concern with the slash and burn techniques of some of our hill tribes which result in de-forestation. We have worked with these groups to address the problem. Our Government has committed to a relocation program granting land to hill tribes, relocating them for free and offering money and assistance in establishing a new home. At the same time, as previously mentioned, we are encouraging these people to grow legal and profitable crops on this land.

We feel very close to the United States. It is home to one of the largest expatriate Lao groups, the Hmong. A certain number of them fought beside the U.S. troops during the Vietnam war. Having left the country for more than two decades, they are not aware of the real situation in Laos, where Hmong customs and tradition are well preserved and promoted as a national heritage. Allegations of government abuses and killings of Hmong people in Laos however, are unsubstantiated. In fact, Lionel Rosenblatt, head of Refugees International has conducted several fact-finding missions in Laos for alleged systematic abuse of Hmong but has found a lack of evidence to substantiate these allegations. Mr. Rosenblatt supports MFN for Laos and has encouraged additional funding to aid in the Lao resettlement processes in his July letter to Chairman of the House Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee, Phil Crane.

All of these changes are moving Laos in the desired direction. However, we believe it is essential that the global community recognize our efforts and assist us in becoming a more market-oriented society. We believe the granting of MFN status to Laos by the United States is fundamental to further economic development and investment in Laos. Such trading status would encourage private sector development in our country and provide confidence to businesses in Laos.

In order to provide you with confidence in the changes occurring in Laos and to support your decision to extend unconditional MFN status to Laos, I am including a brief overview of the most recent achievements of the Lao Government.

New Economic Mechanism

In 1986, the Fourth Party Congress adopted a package of reforms intended to transform its economic management from a central command system to one which is market-based and characterized by

decentralized economic decision making, with the private sector playing an active role. The new economic management system emerging from the implementation of the economic reform package is referred to as the New Economic Mechanism (NEM) in Laos. Adoption of the NEM was confirmed by the Fifth Party Congress in 1991. Under the NEM, we have drastically reduced inflation, rationalized and stabilized the exchange rate, committed to privatize or make autonomous all the state owned enterprises except for those located in "strategic sectors", eliminated consumption subsidies for public sector employees and have reformed the banking system. One example of our success is in the stabilization of the Lao kip vis-a-vis the US dollar.

New Constitution

The Constitution of Laos, adopted in August 1991, provides for the separation of legislative, executive and judicial powers. The people, with whom the political power ultimately resides according to the Constitution, exercise such power through an elected National Assembly. The members of the National Assembly were first directly elected by the people in December 1992 for a five-year term, which began in 1993. Many human rights are also guaranteed in our Constitution. The Lao Government has also restructured. This restructuring has affected the administrative arrangements for economic, financial and development management. In February 1993, at the first session of the National Assembly, a framework outlining the country's development planning up to the year 2000 was presented. The actual plan was completed approximately two years later. These plans set forth the goals and objectives of the Lao Government on an annual basis. Part of our success can be measured by examining the results of the plan as implemented for the 1995-1996 period.

1995-1996 Socio-economic Plan

During the 1995-1996 year, the GDP increased an estimated 7.5% compared with 1994-1995 period. The plan as approved and implemented by the Government had projected an increase in GDP of 7-8%. The population in mid-1996 totaled approximately 4.729 million (an increase of 2.4% compared with 1995) and the average GDP per capita was about US$ 370/person. In the first 6 months of 1996, 24 foreign investment projects were licensed at a registered capital of approximately US$ 1.200 million, of which 72.2% was invested in hydropower projects, 8.5% in hotel-tourism, 6.6% in telecommunication and transport, 4.4% in mining and 8.3% in other sectors.

During 1995-1996, the provinces selected their respective priority areas and detailed development projects, totaling 63 focal areas in this year. Currently, over 800 projects are presently under implementation. Among such projects, over 70% are focusing on the development of infrastructure and 30% invest in the re-orientation of the population shifting from cultivation. As we move from an agrarian society to a market-oriented society we must provide training and skills to our people in order for them to benefit from the changing society.

On a regional basis, as outlined in the initial five year plan for each region, several projects have been implemented which include: major road improvement and construction projects, irrigation projects, hydropower projects, wood processing plants and other infrastructure development projects, which has allowed the regional economic structures to take form along the direction of linkage between agriculture-forestry, processing industry and services.

The value of circulated retail goods has increased approximately 27%. External trade still suffers from a high deficit, however, a portion of this is due to imported machinery and equipment for foreign investment projects. Such a deficit may impact on our financial-monetary stability in the near future, but will be beneficial in the long term for the establishment of firm national economic base.

The 1995-1996 plan emphasized education. During this period education has been further improved in terms of quality, namely in formal education, which has increased the rate of enrollment among the children of 6-10 years age group at the primary level by 73%. Illiteracy was eradicated for 17,358 persons - of which 9,533 were women in the 15-40 year-old age group. Non-formal education such as providing vocational training was introduced in combination with illiteracy eradication.

During the 1995-1996 period, significant achievements and success were accomplished, however, there are still some weaknesses and pending issues in certain areas which must be addressed. Laos is therefore committed to following the socioeconomic plans as originally set forth through the year 2000.

1996-1997 Socio-economic Plan

Most recently, the Lao Government has undertaken and adopted the "1996-1997 Socioeconomic Development Plan" to help build up our people and to actively participate in the global trading market. General tasks in the 1996-97 annual plans include the initial development of the Fifth Party Congress Resolution and implementation of the 5 year state plan, by: further ensuring consistent socioeconomic growth; widely expanding economic structures and market-oriented production; further upgrading the quality of material and cultural life for civil servants and the pluri-ethnic people; establishing a firm position and base to progress into the 21st century and national industrialization and modernization after the year 2000.

To achieve the tasks and general guidelines the Government has outlined a number of 1996-1997 plan's targets as follows:

Actively ensure financial-monetary stability by firmly promoting revenues and strictly managing expenditures.

Actively manage import-export and circulation of goods.

Firmly promote training, create a professional labor force, technical workers for supply to major programs in socioeconomic development and strive to create new employment for the Lao labor.

Sectoral Development Plans:

Food

Food production must be firmly improved and ensured for poor families, namely in remote ethnic areas. The main emphasis will be placed on further implementing the priority programs of the Government, which are: food production, commercial production and shifting cultivation stabilization.

Communication, Transport, Post and Construction

In 1996-1997, Laos's plans call for the further improvement and building of national roads to the North of the country. Preparation will be made for the construction of strategic bridges and roads to create a strong communications network.

We also plan to continue to build the navigation route, namely in the northern section of the country to meet acceptable standards of the international community. We will improve and build ports to accelerate transport services. Additionally, we will upgrade and improve air transport services to meet international standards. Our plan calls for the development of cargo and passenger air transport to neighboring and regional countries.

The 1996-1997 State Planning Committee plan also calls for: Further improvement to guarantee and accelerate postal services - both local and outgoing. At the same time, concentrate on expanding postal network at the district level and in priority socioeconomic areas, expanding telephone centers and continuing to install the microwave system according to adopted plans.

Bring solutions to sewerage systems, roads and construction in Vientiane Municipality and other main urban areas in view of progressively meeting the standards.

In 1996-1997, the state will make a total investment of Kip 89.47 billion in the sector of communication, transport, post and construction, of which Kip 23.55 billion of domestic funds and Kip 65.92 billion of foreign funds.

Trade

Laos plans to increase the supply of basic necessary consumption goods to the population. We are also preparing for accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO). We also plan to improve our cooperation mechanisms with trading partners. For example, as previously mentioned, negotiating bilateral agreements with key global trading entities such as the trade agreement currently being negotiated between Laos and the United States.

Socio-cultural sector

In the 1996-1997 year, further emphasis will be placed in three main areas: (1) on compulsory primary education to increase the primary school enrollment by 5% and net enrollment by 75%; (2) on the eradication of illiteracy among 60 thousand people within the target group (15-40 years of age); (3) on upgrading educational attainment at the primary level for 30,000 people and to lower

secondary level for 7,000 civil servants, and to upper secondary level for 2,000 persons.

Information and culture
Our plans include the continued improvement and upgrading of quality in radio broadcast, television, press and newspapers, magazines to ensure a coverage of 100% throughout the country.

Labor and social welfare
As Laos moves toward a more market-oriented economy we must improve the salary system, pension, policies toward public and private employees and improve the social security system in Laos. We plan to build housing for handicapped persons and a number of civil servants.

In general, during the 1996-1997 socioeconomic plan, we will strive to elevate the standard of living for our people, to open our economy, to become a global competitor, and to expand our efforts at becoming a market-oriented society. We will increase cooperation with ASEAN countries and continue to cooperate with international organizations and international financial institutions.

Summary
The challenges we face are not too great to be overcome and conquered. Our socio-economic plans include many opportunities for American businesses. We look to those countries, such as the U.S., who have gone before us in developing a sound economy in the global environment for guidance. We turn to the United States for its assistance not only through monetary contributions and training, but through the granting of MFN status to Laos. Such status will enable us to represent our country on par with all of the U.S. trading partners. The action of granting unconditional MFN to Laos will send a message to the people of Laos that the United States supports them in their endeavors to become a strong nation. It will put Laos on an even playing field with the rest of the world vis-a-vis trade with the United States. The active engagement of Laos will encourage the move toward a market-oriented economy. We believe that Laos is on the right path. We also believe that the United States should treat Laos with the same trading privileges it grants to almost all other nations. On behalf of my Government and its people, I strongly encourage the U.S. Congress to expeditiously seek the granting of unconditional MFN to Laos.

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The attached letter was translated from a letter, which was written by [redacted] who was persecuted and put in jail along with [redacted] and Mr. Rasmy Khamphouy. This letter was written during they were still in prison. Mr. Rasamy Khampouy has passed away in prision. [redacted] [redacted] are still in prison-in Laos.

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 11/14/1997

To: Milwaukee

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From: [redacted]
Squad 5
Contact: Ext. [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] ewl

Case ID #: 265A-MW-34118 (Pending)

Title: UNSUBS (4);
GENERAL VANG PAO - VICTIM;
ET AL;
AOT-IT-LAOTIAN-ASSASSINATION

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Synopsis: Information obtained regarding Hmong culture, names, and the Hmong relationship with the Laotian ethnic group. Current INS check regarding appeal of [redacted] also known as [redacted]

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Reference: 265A-MW-34118 Serial 43.

Details: On 11/13/1997, writer met with [redacted] (Protect Identity), [redacted] was approached in the effort by writer to reconcile the differences in spellings and the juxtaposition of various Hmong names encountered in captioned investigation. [redacted] was located pursuant to [redacted]

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[redacted] aged [redacted] advised he is a U.S. citizen, having been in the U.S. for now [redacted] is an adopted first name after arriving in the U.S., while his given first name at birth was [redacted]

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Check of Milwaukee computerized indices prior to the above contact disclosed no identifiable information regarding [redacted] thereafter advised as follows:

NAMES

Regarding Hmong names, [redacted] advised that once a Hmong male marries, or reaches the age of 30, he is, by cultural tradition, expected to rearrange his first and last name. For example, his ethnic name is [redacted] Once he turns thirty, or marries, his name will be set forth as [redacted] This tradition within the Hmong community is done out of reverence for a man's years and experiences of life. It is culturally expected that this be done, and any man who considers deferring from such a change is looked down upon by others within the community. This cultural rearrangement of names occurs only for men, not for women.

Also, once a Hmong male marries, which usually occurs long before the age of 30, he is given a third name, which is referred to as his married name. This third name would appear as the last of the trio in a man's identification. This married name is chosen and given to the groom by the groom's parents. Should the groom's parents be deceased, then the married name for the groom would be selected by the bride's mother. If the groom's mother-in-law also would be deceased, then the wife's father would choose the married name. If both pairs of parents are deceased, the honor for choosing the married name would fall to the groom's brothers, then to the wife's brothers, etc. Thus, would a married name of [redacted] be chosen for [redacted] by his parents, his name would be changed and he would become known as [redacted]

Marriage for the woman involves her taking her husband's last name, as well as the marriage name chosen for her husband. For example, would a female named [redacted] marry [redacted] she would become [redacted]

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If a spouse dies, it is up to the individual whether they retain the third, married name or opt to return to a two-name identification.

[redacted] furnished the following list of the most common Hmong Last Names:

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[redacted] identified the following additional names as Hmong first or last names:

First Names: Last Names:

[redacted] (can be male/female) [redacted]

HMONG CULTURE

The homeland of the Hmong is generally restricted to the country of Laos. Hmong represent the smallest ethnic group within the country of Laos.

Hmong reside in the northern part of the country and make their living in matters of agriculture. These people are referred to as the Green Hmong. The Hmong who reside in the southern half of the country, and who, in general, reside in larger populated areas, are known as the White Hmong.

In addressing the two groups, the following generalizations usually hold true:

The Hmong from the north have darker skin than those from the south;

There are differences in the dialect of the Hmong language between the two ;

The northern Hmong are shorter in height and thinner in build;

The White Hmong are better educated and more intelligent than the Green Hmong;

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The Green Hmong are viewed as being more religiously conservative than the White Hmong;

Notwithstanding these differences, there is no discouragement whatsoever for a Hmong from one region marrying a Hmong from the other region. There are no major religious differences between the two groups. However, Hmong with the same last name are strictly not allowed to marry, regardless of which group they belong to.

Another noteworthy difference between the two groups is that a substantially higher number of the White Hmong accepted the Communist arrival in 1975 than their brothers in the north. [redacted] believed this was due in part to the fact of their numbers residing in the cities and of the jobs they held.

HMONG VS LAOTIAN

While the Hmong represent the smallest ethnic group in Laos, the Laotians represent the largest. A major difference between these two ethnic groups are their individual languages. It is not at all unusual to find Hmong who are able to speak Lao; however, the converse is true for the Lao speaking Hmong.

Identifying Laotians from Hmong is facilitated by the fact that most first names of Laotians are very long versus those of the Hmong. The same holds true for Laotian last names, most of which begin with the letters K, L, S, or V.

INVESTIGATIVE ITEM

In addressing the Green Hmong and the White Hmong, [redacted] advised that General Vang Pao, a prominent Hmong resistance leader in the U.S., comes from the White Hmong group, while [redacted], comes from the Green Hmong group.

INS CHECK

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On 11/13/1997, Omaha Division Investigative Assistant, [redacted] advised that a check of the records at the Immigration & Naturalization Service (INS) Midwest Adjudication Center in Lincoln, Nebraska disclosed that INS does indeed have on file a notice of appeal regarding the asylum request of [redacted] The appeal is dated 09/13/1996 and was filed by the INS on 09/16/1996. INS has advised [redacted] that INS adjudication of the appeal could take up to two years.

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Re: 265A-MW-34118, 11/14/1997

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House #:
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Street Name:
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Phone:

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Race: X
Sex: X
Name -
Address -
House #:
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CC: SA [redacted]

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 01/04/1999

To: Milwaukee **Attn:** Squad 6
SSA [redacted]

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From: Milwaukee
Squad 5
Contact: SA [redacted] Ext. [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: MW-9B-0 -1327
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Title: UNSUB;
GENERAL VANG PO - VICTIM;
EXTORTION

Synopsis: Information received regarding possible threat against prominent Hmong refugee leader.

Details: On 12/22/1998, writer received a facsimile from [redacted] advised he had discovered a threat in an Internet newsgroup, in which the author, known as [redacted] asserted that General Vang Po, noted Hmong military official residing in the U.S., should be killed. [redacted] advised he believed that Federal authorities should investigate this threat.

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Writer notes that [redacted] has been in contact with the Milwaukee FBI office on many occasions over the last three years regarding prior threats against General Vang Po. These contacts have been documented in Milwaukee file, 265A-MW-34118, and are summarized in Milwaukee's outgoing communication, dated 01/14/1998, captioned as follows:

"UNSUBS;
GENERAL VANG PO - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
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The above-noted facsimile received from [redacted] is being incorporated as part of this EC. b6 b7C

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Address - [redacted]
City:
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Phone:
Phone:

<u>Reference</u>
Name -
Last: [redacted]
First:
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DDN:
Race: A
Sex: M
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<u>Reference</u>
Name -
Last: PO
First: VANG
Middle:
DDN:
Race: A
Sex: M
Miscellaneous -
General

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Lao Human Rights Council, Inc.
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Fax (715) 831-8563

OFFICE OF THE LAO HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

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DATE: December 14, 1998

TO: [redacted]

Milwaukee Office

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FAX #: [redacted]

FROM: [redacted]

MEMO: I am pleased to request that you and other Federal officials should search on who is attempted to "kill" General Vang Pao which information is existed in the internet system under "Soc-culture.Hmong".

Thank you for your immediately cooperation and investigations.

Requested by [redacted]

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- Hmong Page - collection of resources relating to Hmong history, culture, language, and current events.
- Bibliography on the Hmong for Educators and Librarians
- Hmong Corner, The - a means for Hmong individuals to share their culture and experiences.
- Lao Human Rights Council - a nonprofit organization formed to promote and defend human rights of Lao and Hmong people in Laos, southeast Asia, and around the world.
- Omega Chi Lambda - Hmong-American interest fraternity.
- Restoration of SSI Benefits To Hmong and Lao Legal Refugees - press release from Lao Human Rights Council.
- Virtual Hmong - information center includes history, culture, net resources, photo galleries, and more.
- Usenet - soc.culture.hmong

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Subject: Re: Gen. Vang Pao
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Department of Justice
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Dear Sir, (265A-MW-34118)

My name is [redacted] I am writing this letter to you is because I have heard from the news said that [redacted] had given all the Hmong students who had graduated with at least a Bachelor Degree or higher degree to Lao People's Democratic Republic Government already. I was one of these Hmong students who had a Bachelor Degree in 1996 too. I did not give [redacted] any authority to give my name to Lao People's Democratic Republic Government. I would like to please you to investigate whether my name was in the list that [redacted] had given to Lao People's Democratic Republic Government or not. If in the case that my name was in his list, I would like you to please help me either take my name out or delete my name from his list.

My name used in the University was [redacted] but the name I used on my Bachelor Degree was [redacted]. This changed was because after I become a US Citizen then I added another R to my first name. Please help me to investigate whether either one of these two names were appeared in the list.

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I **declare** here that I did not give [redacted] the authority to put my name in his list and give to Lao People's Democratic Republic Government. And how he got my name I do not know either. I never want to join Lao People's Democratic Republic Government. My family is always opposed Lao People's Democratic Republic Government which is now the Communist.

I am really appreciated for your time and your help here. Thank you for helping me to investigate this matter.

Thank you.

Contact w/ SA [redacted] GBRA:
This allegation against [redacted] is bogus & represents another false rumor distributed by DAO's detractors and antagonists within the Hmong emigre community in U.S.
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Sincerely,

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Attn: SAC
(Name Room Telephone #)

From: CORRESPONDENCE UNIT, OPCA
(Name of Office)

SUBJECT: [redacted] 265a-MW-34118 SERIAL 47

Special instructions: Please provide your recommendation on how best to respond to this citizen inquiry. Please fax me a copy of 265A-MW-34118 Serial 47. In keeping with the Director's personal wishes to address congressional inquiries in a timely fashion, please provide your response to me within 3 business days. You can reach me via e-mail or fax [redacted] b6 b7C

Originator's Name: [redacted] Telephone: [redacted]

Originator's Facsimile Number: [redacted]

Approved: Ctu

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Contact made with [redacted], Advised on 4/24/00. Advised Case Agent and SA in Minneapolis and should provide appropriate statement for the letter.

Contact made with [redacted] 4/28/00 regarding receipt of original letter in MW. 3/31/00 mg

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AGENT: [redacted] SQUAD: 5

AUXILRY: LA DN CG
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ON 11-15-95 [redacted] WHO ALSO RESIDES IN [redacted] WI, [redacted] HOMONG HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL, RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM [redacted] WHO RESIDES IN LAOS, HOWEVER, WHO MADE THE PHONE CALL FROM [redacted] INDICATED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY A HIGH RANKING LAOTIAN OFFICIAL WHO IS ALSO HMONG THAT THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT HAD OR WOULD BE SENDING FOUR ASSASSINS INTO THE U.S. TO KILL THE VICTIMS. ACCORDING TO THE CALLER, TWO OF THE ASSASSINS WOULD HAVE LAST NAMES OF [redacted] ONE A LAST NAME OF [redacted] AND THE FOURTH A LAST NAME OF [redacted]
CASE CLOSED. INTESTIGATION DETERMINED THAT IN ASSESSING THE THREAT THAT PRECIPITATED THIS INQUIRY, IT WAS DIFFICULT TO PURSUE THE INVESTIGATION WITHOUT ENCOUNTERING THE DISHARMONY THAT EXISTS WITHIN THE HMONG COMMUNITY IN THE US. HOWEVER, [redacted] WAS IDENTIFIED, LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED. HE APPEARS TO BE THE INDIVIDUAL WHO CONTACTED [redacted], WHICH INITITIATED THIS INVESTIGATION. THE US ATTORNEY FOR WISCONSIN DECLINED ANYFEDERAL PROSECUTION IN THIS MATTER.

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Dear [redacted]

Your March 24th communication to the FBI was referred to me for reply. You are concerned that your name was given to Lao People's Democratic Republic Government by Dr. Yang Dao.

Your letter has been reviewed by our representatives in Minneapolis. I am forwarding a copy of a brief public report on Dr. Yang Dao's meeting with Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on October 2, 1999. You will note from the last page of this report that Dr. Yang provided the Deputy Prime Minister a numerical compilation of higher educated Hmong-Americans broken down by field study. No names were provided to the Deputy Prime Minister.

I hope this reply will allay your concerns about this situation.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]
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ReBUfac 4/25/00 and 4/26/00 email from SA [redacted] to [redacted] OPCA.
1 - SAC, Milwaukee (265A-MW-34118) - Enc.
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BRIEF REPORT ON DR. YANG DAO'S MEETING WITH MR. SOMSAVAT LENGSAVAD, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER & MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC IN LOS ANGELES, CA, OCTOBER 2, 1999

At the meeting of October 2, 1999, in Los Angeles, California, Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Laos delivered a speech to a group of Laotian Americans from several parts of the United States. Here are the essential parts of his speech:

"There have been several conflicts in Laotian history which forced the Laotian people to fight against each other in the past. All these because of foreign powerful countries' political ideologies. Today we must forget the past and must work together for peace and for the development of our country which faces tremendous economic and financial difficulties. Laos needs help because it has not enough money and not enough educated persons, which are the two key factors for the development of the country".

" The Lao policy has been changed. It is now more opened. We are looking forward to having good relationships with our neighbors and other countries. We have received loans and assistance from outside, but they are still not sufficient to face the current economic problems."

" No matter which ethnic group we are from, we are all Laotians. You still are Laotians even though you are living in another country. You must help your country. There are several ways to do so. Each of you can help accordingly to your capacity by investing directly in the county, by sending money or by other means. Take the examples of the Jews and the Chinese in the USA who help their respective countries."

"The Lao market is a free market. The Laotian people who work must enjoy the profits for themselves, their families, and their country..."

" The past is a lesson; the present is a combat; and the future is up to all of us."

After Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad's speech, Dr. Yang Dao was invited to address his concerns and opinions as follows:

"Mr. Deputy Prime Minister,
Misters Ambassadors (from Washington, D.C., & from Bangkok)
Ladies and Gentlemen:

First of all, I would like to thank Professor Khamchong Luangpraseut for inviting me to this meeting which I consider very important and meaningful after 25 years of living away from Laos. I am honored to meet Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad, Deputy PrimeMinister

and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Laos, who is willing to spare some valuable time in his busy schedule to come to visit us, Laotian refugees, in the United States. I time in his busy schedule to come to visit us, Laotian refugees, in the United States. I would like to would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Laotian government for its desire to bring peace for the Laotian people of all ethnic groups and for its national policy which includes also those Laotians who have left Laos to live in foreign countries.

Mr. Deputy Prime Minister, I am very pleased to hear you talk about the development issues of Laos, and I am happy to learn that you desire to study with the Laotian people living outside of Laos the possible ways to work together for the development of the country. You ask us to preserve our Laotian cultural traditions in the United States, and you encourage those who live inside Laos to work hard to build a better society and to contribute to the economic development of the country. All this makes me feel that you are a national leader who cares about the future of our Laotian nation. Your vision is meaningful to me.

Today the world is moving toward a new era. You said that the Laotian people, inside and outside the country, should forget the aftermath of the past. You stated that history is a lesson for all of us. Either side of the Laotian people had suffered terribly during the wars in Laos in the past. Even though we, Laotians living outside Laos, came to know some modern comfort, we feel homesick, due to our love for Laos. Therefore, I did what was possible to come to this gathering to meet with you and to hear your message with my own ears.

Professor Khamchong asked me to talk about the education of our Laotian people living outside Laos and, more particularly, in the United States. When our Laotian refugees just arrived in this country, they encountered many difficulties of adjusting themselves to a new cultural, social and economic environment, due to the language barriers. Only a small number of them were able to speak English. Therefore, over the first decade (1975-1985), more than 200 Lao-Hmong refugees mysteriously died in sleep. The medical community was unable to determine the causes of these mysterious deaths. Therefore some American physicians asked about my opinion. I explained that, according to my understanding, concerns, worries, insecurity for the future, due to language barriers and lack of professional skills, probably constituted the causes of these sudden deaths within the Lao-Hmong community in the United States over the first decade of its resettlement in this country.

Since 1986, the situation of the Lao-Hmong refugees in the United States has been gradually improved. Thanks to education, generalized in this country, today each Hmong American family has three or four English speaking persons at home who are able to bridge the Hmong and American cultures. Our young people from all Laotian ethnic

groups took advantage of their presence in the United States to study and to learn. Many of them have already graduated from American colleges and universities throughout the

country. I do not possess any list (number) of the Lowland Lao people who received their doctorate degrees, but I do have last year's list (by disciplines of doctorate degrees) of the Lao-Hmong doctors (numbers without names and addresses) which I would be pleased to give to you. In spite of this educational success, our Lao-Hmong American community in the U.S. is currently facing some youth problems. Because both parents work and, due to language barriers, they are not able to help their children with their homework, some of their children have joined the local gang organizations. Overall, the Laotian community in the United States is working hard to adjust itself to American society.

Mister Deputy Prime Minister, I would like also to take this opportunity to submit three propositions for you to present to the Laotian government in Vientiane (capital of Laos).

First of all, you said that history is a lesson. I do not need to explain how much this lesson has been painful for both sides of the (Laotian) belligerents in the past. In Laotian history, the Laotian people had never desired to leave their own country. (In 1975) we left Laos because of the international political circumstances. I believe that you, Mister Deputy Prime Minister, you will do whatever in your power to build a better understanding between the Laotian people of all ethnic groups living inside Laos and the Laotian community of all ethnic groups living outside the country. I hope that you will be this bridge which contributes to better communications between the two Laotian communities. The lack of communications between us is the source of our misunderstanding and the cause of the persistence of our national Laotian problem. As the entire world is moving toward the 21st century, I think it is time for all of us to forget the past as you have suggested. Each and everyone of us who live outside Laos has to change (from our old ideas to the new ones). I also believe that you and the current leaders of Laos are also ready to change. In this perspective, I submit this proposition to you and the current Laotian government to organize, under the auspices of the United Nations and with the participation of the representatives of our neighboring countries, a conference which will involve all concerned Laotian parties from inside Laos and from all the continents (where the Laotian refugee communities live) to discuss Laotian national issues. We must improve what is not good enough; we must change what is harmful (to the Laotian national interest); and we must provide (the Laotian people) with what they need.

My second proposition to you is as follows: we, the Laotian people living overseas, are also very concerned about the current (social and economic) situation in Laos. We desire to bring our contribution to the development of Laos. During vacation periods, many Laotian American workers have 2 to 3 weeks of vacation. They are teachers and

professors, medical doctors or dentists, technicians or computer specialists. Some of them want to take their vacation days to go back to Laos to help the Laotian population. I would like to ask the Laotian government to provide them with all the necessary conditions to bring their contribution to the country.

My third proposition to you is that in this country (U.S.A.) we have made good connections with American foundations. Some of them are willing to assist Laos to alleviate its social and economic problems. However, these foundations are non-governmental organizations (N.G.Os.) which have their own policies. These policies are not to provide direct humanitarian assistance to any government, but through an existing N.G.O. in place in the country to-be-assisted. It is to say that American foundations would be willing to provide humanitarian assistance to Laos through a N.G.O. which, in cooperation with the Laotian governmental representatives, will send the assistance to the Laotian population in an area of Laos, determined by the Laotian government according to the needs of the Laotian population.

I hope that you, Mister Deputy Prime Minister, and the Laotian government will consider my three propositions mentioned above. Thank you very much."

Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad promised to convey Dr. Yang Dao's propositions to the Government of the Lao's People Democratic Republic in Vientiane, Laos.

HMONG EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES (1975-1998)

Education is the most important driving force in the development of the Hmong in the United States. In the short period of 23 years (1975-1998) of their resettlement in this country, more than 3,000 Hmong students have earned bachelor's degrees, about 320 master's degrees and 104 doctoral degrees at American colleges and universities. In September 1998, there were:

30	doctors of law
5	doctors of education
22	doctors of medicine
6	doctors of dentistry
16	doctors of pharmacy
15	doctors of philosophy
4	doctors of chiropractic
3	doctors of theology & ministry
1	doctor of osterpathy or optometry
2	doctors of oriental medicine

Among them there were:

13	female Hmong lawyers
5	female Hmong medical doctors
4	female Hmong doctors of pharmacy, and
1	female Hmong doctor of philosophy

Still many other young Hmong, men and women, are doctorate candidates in various disciplines at different universities across the United States.

NOTA: Abstract from Dr. Yang Dao's speech, *The Hmong of Laos: The Challenges of Social Change*, at the First International Workshop on the Hmong/Miao in Asia at the Centre des Archives d'Outre-Mer in Aix-en-Provence, France, on September 11-13, 1998.

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